

Russians offer peace talks breakthrough

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

A breakthrough was achieved at the Stockholm security conference yesterday when the Soviet Union agreed to inspection by the West of its military activities and said it was prepared to reduce its forces and armaments in Europe.

It is the first time the Soviet Union has agreed to obligatory military inspection. But the questions remaining to be answered at Stockholm are how many inspections are needed and just what constitutes a military manoeuvre?

The Soviet move at the opening of the 12th and final session of the conference was clearly intended as a follow-through to the announcement by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, of a continued unilateral Soviet nuclear test ban on Monday.

bloc was also ready "to pursue a large scale programme of reducing the armed forces and armaments in Europe under effective control".

He said Mr Gorbachev was working to reverse the trend of Superpower confrontation back to détente and attacked President Reagan for his dis-



Mr Oleg Grinevsky at the peace conference yesterday, missal of Mr Gorbachev's test ban initiative.

He hinted that Mr Gorbachev had been opposed by his generals in prolonging the test ban until January 1, 1987. "We have all justification to resume nuclear testing," he said. The fear had been expressed that the new ban "might damage the security of the Soviet Union".

The news that the Warsaw Pact has agreed to inspection removed the main stumbling

block to the signing of a final document on September 19.

It would be a mistake to believe that the solution of the verification issue automatically paved the way to an agreement, Mr Grinevsky said. "The ball is now in Nato's court."

WASHINGTON: The US welcomed the Soviet Union's agreement to on site inspection of military activities (Moshin Ali writes).

A State Department spokesman said the US and its allies had maintained from the beginning that effective verification, including on site inspection, must be an integral part of any Stockholm agreement.

He said that to reach agreement by the September 19 conclusion date of the conference, "we encourage the Soviets to intensify drafting on the details and modalities of inspection" of military exercises and related matters.

But he warned that it was these "practical modalities such as inspection quotas and guidelines which will give effect to the Soviet agreement in principle on inspection".

The US in many arms control negotiations for years has insisted on adequate inspection and verification procedures to ensure that no side is cheating. Summit hope, page 5



Mr Keating, the Australian Treasurer, right, has a last-minute talk with Mr Hawke, the Prime Minister, before delivering the country's "most austere budget since the Depression".

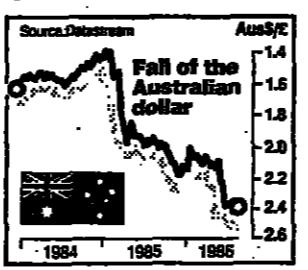
Spending slashed in Australia's toughest Budget

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

In Australia's most austere budget since the Depression, the Labor Government yesterday outlined its strategy to restructure an economy which Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, says is in a crisis as serious as war.

A budget session of Parliament heard Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, outline measures intended to slash the deficit next year to \$Aus3.5 billion (about £1.4 billion) from \$Aus5.72 billion in the last financial year.

In a package designed to convince the outside world that the Hawke Government can take "unpalatable" decisions, and to persuade the nation that they have to be accepted, Mr Keating outlined spending cuts across the board



The Treasurer's fourth budget also disclosed that the Government will seek the trade unions' agreement to accept a 2 per cent reduction in a probable increase of 4 per cent in the next national wage case.

This may come as a disappointment to the business sector which had been hoping for a wage freeze. Scheduled tax cuts and benefit increases will be deferred by between six weeks and three months.

The international finance community's judgment on the package will be reflected in what happens in coming weeks to the Australian dollar, which has depreciated against sterling and the US dollar by almost 20 per cent since the beginning of the year. Further significant devaluation could imperil the Government's survival.

Shaped by reduced prices for Australia's primary ex-

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British firms line up with Boeing

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

The battle by bidders to replace the Royal Air Force's Nimrod airborne early warning project intensified yesterday with three British companies aligning themselves with a Boeing bid to supply its AWACS aircraft. Plessey, Ferranti and Racal said in London that they had signed agreements to co-operate with Boeing.

Six companies are bidding to replace the GEC project. The three main contenders are Boeing, Grumman and Lockheed, all from the United States. Three British companies, offering limited systems, are regarded as outsiders.

Mr Jerry King, vice president and general manager of Boeing Aerospace, said if AWACS was selected at least 8,000 man-years of work would come to Britain within the next five years.

The Ferranti agreement covers the provision of software support throughout the life of the programme, but Mr King said the other agreements did not provide any guarantee for a specific level of involvement.

All the foreign contenders for the RAF contract are required to provide work in the UK to offset work that would be lost by the contract being placed abroad.

Although the three companies are allying themselves with the various American contenders, they would all hope to gain work whichever bidder won.

Writ served on Tory editor for Stockton story

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The full weight of the Conservative establishment descended yesterday on the Tory student editor of a party magazine who published accusations that Lord Stockton was guilty of "war crimes".

Lawyers acting for Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, obtained a High Court injunction restraining Mr Harry Phibbs and the magazine's printers from further distribution of New Agenda.

They also served writs on Mr Phibbs, aged 20, a member of the national executive of the Federation of Conservative Students, which is based at Central Office, and Amnagh Graphical Company, of Ilford, Essex, alleging libel, misrepresentation and breach of contract.

An unrepentant Mr Phibbs countered by saying that 2,000 copies of the magazine had been rushed out to forestall possible legal action.

Mr John Berrow, chairman of the Federation, dissociated the organization from Mr Phibbs, insisting that he had acted alone in breaching party rules by publishing the allegations, without first clearing the article with the organization's leaders and Central Office legal advisers.

The article in question is an interview by Mr Phibbs with Count Nikolai Tolstoy, in which the former Mr Harold Macmillan is accused of being a "war criminal" for his part in sending back 40,000 Cosacks to Russia in 1945 to face certain death.

The allegations are not new.

but their publication in a magazine carrying the Conservative imprimatur enraged Mr Tebbit and senior party figures.

Mr Tebbit interrupted his holiday in France to condemn them as "disgraceful" to order the destruction of all remaining copies of the magazine and to issue an unqualified apology to Lord Stockton, aged 91.

Mr Phibbs said: "I will be taking legal advice and intend to battle against this all the way."

"As far as I am concerned, New Agenda is no longer the property of Tory party Central Office. It is an independent publication. No party money goes into the publication - it is paid for entirely by subscribers, advertisers and donations."

But the federation said that its national executive exercised ultimate authority over the magazine, not Mr Phibbs.

Mr Berrow said: "Regardless of the content of the interview in question, on which people may hold differing views, the fact is Harry didn't follow the proper procedures."

"He is making much of this being a matter of principle but he cannot do that while covering behind the FCS imprimatur. That is a bankruptcy of principle."

Almost alone among Conservative politicians yesterday, Lord Stockton sought to defuse the row, the latest in a series of damaging clashes between the party hierarchy

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Sellafield shut in waste alert

By David Sapsed

The Sellafield nuclear reprocessing complex was shut down completely yesterday after radioactive waste in a sea tank reached a level of radioactivity likely to breach the new limits.

It is not known how long the plant will be closed or the cost to BNFL. The incident is similar to one in November, 1983, when there was also a build-up of highly radioactive effluent in a tank. The liquid was discharged into the sea resulting in contamination and subsequent closure of local beaches.

BNFL was later charged and convicted of two criminal offences relating to the incident. Since then, two new effluent treatment plants have been built to treat the liquid, which is a by-product of the reprocessing of spent uranium and plutonium.

One reason for the new standards is a report from the Commons environment committee last March which called the Irish Sea "the most radioactive in the world" as a result of Sellafield discharges, and urged that they be reduced to as near zero as possible.

A spokesman for BNFL said that closing down the

Tomorrow Dinosaur's demise

Profile of Fleet Street, in the grip of a printing revolution

Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold competition prize of £12,000, treble the usual amount because there was no winner the previous two days, was shared yesterday by two readers - Mrs P. Cooke, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and Mrs D.M. Armstrong, of Northumberland. Details, page 3. There is another £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list, page 21; rules and how to play, information service, page 16.

That should make the POMS feel at home



RUC attack

The role of Irish Republic police in cross-border security is criticized in a secret Royal Ulster Constabulary document released by the Rev Jan Paisley. Page 2

More butter

Figures released in Brussels show that the EEC butter mountain has risen by 30,000 tonnes in the past month to a record high of 1,358,000 tonnes. Page 6

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TUC pact may head off clash

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Union leaders accepted yesterday that legally enforceable pre-strike secret ballots are here to stay.

The agreed a face-saving formula that is expected to avert a damaging clash with Mr Neil Kinnock at next month's Trades Union Congress conference in Brighton.

The Labour leader's determination to salvage ballots from a promised repeal of the Government's employment laws had brought him into confrontation with left-wing unions led by the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Union of Mineworkers.

Yesterday, however, 18 unions, including the TGWU, gave assent, at a meeting of the TUC's general purposes committee, to a composite resolution to be put before the conference. It asserts the legal right of members to a secret ballot before a strike.

They insisted that the compromise was not a "fudge" and that it was fully in line with the joint TUC/Labour Party policy document, which gives statutory force for secret ballots.

The decision will come as a relief to Mr Kinnock and most TUC leaders, who regard the conference as an important showcase for new-found unity in the labour movement.

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Secretary case man detained

By Stewart Tendler Crime Correspondent

A private detective yesterday trapped and handed over to the police, a man suspected of posing as a businessman and duping a London secretary into vanishing with him last weekend.

The man, whose photograph had been issued by the police, was spotted near Reading magistrates court, Berkshire.

The detective, Mr Brian Wiggins, who had seen the face on television on Monday night, followed the man on to a bus, told the driver to keep the doors closed and to drive to his garage nearby, where he challenged the man. There was no struggle and police were called.

Last night the man was being questioned at a London police station.

The secretary, Miss Sarah Lambert, aged 25, yesterday began making a statement at Ealing police station, west London, that is expected to take three days to complete.

She had been found at Basingstoke railway station on Monday just as a nationwide search for her got under way.

Yesterday, Det Supt Trevor Brown said there would be charges, though he did not think these would involve violence.

Miss Lambert had been missing for four days after taking a supposed £12,000 job with a bogus businessman calling himself Mr Simmons.

Mr Brown said she had been "an innocent" duped. There was no suggestion that she had been held by force and, as yet, there have been no reasons given why she had not contacted family or friends.

Mr Wiggins, who runs the Alliance International Detective Agency, is a former London detective constable. He was on his way to serve court papers when he spotted the wanted man. "People think that a private detective's life is exciting, but it is mostly very boring."

Police had originally named the man they wanted to interview as Mr Joseph Michael Hanson, who had failed to return earlier this month to Kirkham open prison, near Preston.

Britain leads world currency markets

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

London is the world's biggest foreign exchange market, according to a survey published by the Bank of England yesterday. Its annual turnover is worth more than 20 times the total of trade elsewhere.

With a daily turnover of \$90 billion (£60 billion), the City's currency market handles almost twice the amount traded daily in either New York or Tokyo.

Surveys in the United States and Japan show that foreign

Ex-clippie buys bus company

By Our City Staff

A former bus conductor yesterday masterminded a management buyout of the first local bus company sold under the Government's plan to privatize 52 subsidiaries of the National Bus Company.

Mr Harry Blundren, chairman and managing director of Devon General, who began work on the buses as a conductor for another company in 1962, led a team of five senior managers.

Devon General is also the first NBC company to be bought by existing management. National Holidays was sold to another company last month. The price is believed to be more than £3 million. The company employs more than 1,000 staff.

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Conrad Black group to repay pension cash

From John Best, Ottawa

Dominion Stores, a large but troubled Canadian grocery chain, yesterday was under a court order to pay \$Can 37.9 million (about £18.2 million) back into an employee pension fund from which it removed the money earlier this year.

The Supreme Court of Ontario gave Dominion Stores seven days to come up with a repayment plan. Otherwise it will be required to repay the money immediately, three judges ruled in Toronto.

Dominion Stores is controlled by Mr Conrad Black, part-owner of the London Daily Telegraph. Once one of Canada's largest and healthiest retail groups it has run into financial difficulties in recent years.

Besides having to repay the money, Dominion Stores must pay interest on the

money and court costs totalling under \$Can 2 million.

In its 46-page judgement the court ruled that Dominion "received the funds and holds them without authority." The Pension Commission of Ontario should not have authorized their withdrawal.

The ruling overturned one by an Ontario Supreme Court judge.

The company's withdrawal of the money was disclosed earlier this year in the midst of a round of lay-offs at Dominion. The dismissals followed a decision by Dominion to sell most of its grocery stores to a rival chain, A&P.

The employees' union claimed the money was used to pay off 1984 losses and meet the cost of closures.

Mr Black argued that the money was a surplus belonging to shareholders.

Advertisement for habitat THE COMPLETE HOME FURNISHING STORE. Includes an illustration of a man in a top hat and a woman in a dress, and text: ONLY 2 MORE DAYS TO WAIT FOR THE NEW CATALOGUE. London leads, page 17

Irish police under attack by RUC in 'secret file'

By Richard Ford

Deep criticisms of the performance of the Irish Republic's police in assisting the Royal Ulster Constabulary in cross-border security were disclosed yesterday in a confidential document said to be the minutes of a security briefing between the RUC chief constable and senior officers.

The document, was released by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, who said it was left anonymously at his Belfast office.

It includes assessments by divisional commanders of "loyalist" and republican paramilitary operations, details of future parades and comments on the morale of RUC officers.

The need for greater intelligence on loyalist groups because of the close alliance between political, paramilitary and subversive organizations within the Protestant community is also outlined.

Sectional tactics mentioned during the meeting in June include the possibility of take-overs of villages, as occurred in Hillsborough in July and Clontarf earlier this month.

It also raises the possibility of loyalists damaging sewerage plants and the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association causing explosions in the south.

The criticism of the Garda in the document reflects the private thoughts of many policemen. Sir John Hermon, RUC chief constable, is reportedly said of the Garda: "It was evident their capacity and contribution was small."

A report from a division covering Londonderry says there were many terrorists on the run in Co Donegal, but "no real assistance from the Garda at all".

An assistant chief constable, with responsibility for a rural area in the west of the province, is alleged to have said: "The Garda promised much but delivered little. Border reclosures after illegal reopenings are much too slow in being processed."

Under the heading "Terrorism", the document says that intelligence coverage of the IRA and Irish National Liberation Army is good, "but similar penetration of loyalist groups was essential due to the close alliance of political, paramilitary and subversive organizations on that side".

Mr Paisley said that he had released the document because it was essential that the public was aware of the contradiction between what ministers were saying about improvements in cross-border security and the police's own thoughts. "It is a conspiracy against the whole Protestant community and our constitutional position. The authorities are lying through their teeth."

He claimed that the mention of improving intelligence on loyalist groups meant that the RUC was to infiltrate his party as spies. They were being singled out because they were the hard core of resistance to the Anglo-Irish agreement and the authorities believed that if they were broken other unionists would compromise.

Last night the RUC said it was investigating the authenticity of the document. Improved cross-border security was one of the main aims of the Anglo-Irish agreement, with the RUC believing that greater co-operation between it and the Garda could contribute to destroying republican terrorism.

Earlier this year Sir John Hermon said that to meet the challenge the Garda would need reorientation of its resources and methods. He said that he expected more positive results and that a co-operation programme was to start within weeks.

The Garda has neither the resources nor the reforms needed for it to match the RUC. It remains an 11,800-strong largely unarmed force formed to police a rural society, and is lacking in management skills and command structure when compared with the 8,270 full-time RUC.

New sightings in Lamplugh search

By David Sapsted

A Photofit picture of "Mr Kipper" was released by Scotland Yard last night after new witnesses came forward and cast doubt on previous theories about the movements of Miss Susannah Lamplugh on the last day she was seen, more than three weeks ago.

Det. Supt Nick Carter, who is leading the hunt, believes the estate agent, aged 25, may have had lunch with Mr Kipper after showing him around a house for sale in Shorrod's Road, Fulham, south-west London.

A witness has come forward with a new description of the man after seeing him, clutching a bottle of champagne, with Miss Lamplugh outside the house at 1pm on Monday, July 28.

An estate agent acquaintance of the missing woman has disclosed that she saw the couple driving along Fulham Palace Road at 2.45pm that day with Miss Lamplugh looking "serious but not distressed," according to Mr Carter.

This is at odds with the previously-accepted theory that Miss Lamplugh's car, a white Ford Fiesta, had been parked in Stevenage Road, where it was found later that evening at about 1pm.

Three new witnesses have come forward in recent days. A resident of Shorrod's Road reported seeing Miss Lamplugh waiting for the client at 12.50pm and a man saw her and Mr Kipper—"immaculately dressed", according to police, in a charcoal grey suit and light coloured shirt and tie-looking



The Photofit picture of Mr Kipper issued by the police yesterday.



A photograph of Susannah Lamplugh, taken just before she disappeared.

at the outside of the house 10 minutes later. The champagne he carried may have had a red, white and blue ribbon round the bottle.

The third witness said she was cycling along Fulham Palace Road when she saw Miss Lamplugh and a man travelling in the Ford Fiesta in the opposite direction.



Bystanders outside the smoking ruins of the ground floor shop and basement just after the explosion yesterday in Kensington High Street, west London, in which one man died. Right, a policeman and a fireman helping one of the victims to safety (Photographs: Brendan Beirne).

SDP green paper

Promise of additional cash for health

By Jill Sherman

The Social Democratic Party will spend an extra 2 per cent per year on the National Health Service (NHS) and establish a £500 million innovation and primary health care fund if it comes to power.

Launching the SDP's green paper on the health service, Mr Charles Kennedy, party spokesman on health and social services, said yesterday that the extra spending was the minimum needed to cover the cost of demographic growth, technological change and to allow some service development.

He said that although health authorities would still be encouraged to make efficiency savings, cost improvements would not be included in the extra 2 per cent.

"There can't be any serious argument that the biggest civilian employer in western

Europe is bound to have inefficiencies in some sectors. But we feel that instead of central diktat these decisions are better made by local people on the spot and there may be greater scope that way of achieving more efficiency savings."

He said that the party had revised its 1.5 per cent figure, announced in its 1984 paper, because of a visible increase in problems facing the NHS.

The innovation and primary health care fund would allow district health authorities, local authorities and voluntary organizations to apply for funding for projects to tackle inequalities in health care, and to develop new schemes for priority groups, such as the elderly, handicapped and mentally ill.

The green paper also proposes tackling lengthy waiting lists by imposing a maximum

waiting period for different types of treatment. Patients should be allowed the right to hospital treatment within a specified period.

"It would be entirely feasible for the Secretary of State to lay down regulations for waiting times," Mr Kennedy said.

Where long waiting lists existed, such as for hip replacements, the specified period could be fixed at six months, and then reduced again for a reasonable time, during which the district health authority (DHA) must respond.

"The DHA would have to either buy services from other districts or hire more doctors in the specialty with unacceptable waiting lists in order to meet each patient's right to treatment," the paper said.

It also takes up an idea

originally described in a paper by Professor Alan Epthoven, of Stanford University, California, that districts should establish an internal market by buying in specialized services from some districts and selling spare capacity to others, an idea already practised by a few districts in Britain.

The paper proposes scrapping the existing system of pay review bodies and separate Whitley councils to determine NHS pay, and suggests replacing this with one single public sector pay review body.

The policy document lists several other innovative ideas for the NHS, many of which would require extra finance. But it says in a preface: "The SDP intends to review all its policy proposals which have expenditure commitments, and establish clear priorities closer to the next general election."

Shutdown threat to oil rig yard

Management at the French-owned UIE oil rig construction yard on the Clyde said yesterday the yard could close if the 530-strong permanent workforce goes on strike next Monday.

A mass meeting of the workers agreed yesterday to strike over the management's decision to make 270 of them redundant.

But the 850 sub-contractors at the yard, who will also be paid off over the next few months, rejected the call for a strike at their meeting.

Mr Brian Henson of UIE said the company only had work for 250 men until the end of next year. If those contracts were not fulfilled on time, the company would have to pay penalties.

The redundancies, announced on Monday, were not negotiable, he said.

"There is a severe shortage of work for as much as three years depending on how the price of oil goes. Most yards are in the same position. If we don't get more work then the yard may go over to a care and maintenance basis," said Mr Henson.

He believed the dispute could still be resolved and the yard's good industrial relations record would remain intact.

But, the shop stewards' convener, Mr James Hamilton, said the company was breaking a 1983 agreement protecting the jobs of the nucleus workforce.

Mr Hamilton said the unions were angry that the company intended to retain some short-term contract workers after full-time staff were laid off and accused UIE of trying to rid itself of workers protected by long-standing agreements.

Last night shop stewards representing the full-time workforce were meeting to discuss their next step. A company spokesman said he was confident that the dispute could be settled before a strike.

Icelander has clear lead in chess contest

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

The grandmaster Hjartarson, of Iceland, took a clear lead in the penultimate round of the Commonwealth Open Championship in London when he outplayed de Firmian, of the United States. He has 7 points out of a possible 8.

Prasad, of India, is in second place with 6½ points. He defeated Deshpande, of Australia, who rejected the offer of a draw only to blunder three moves later. The win ensured Prasad his final leg for the International Master title.

The American grandmasters, Kudrin and de Firmian, share third place with the international masters, Murey, of Israel, Conquest, of England, and Thipsay, of India, all on 6 points.

The Israeli, Stepak, who holds the world record of the longest game in tournament chess (212 moves), lived up to his reputation by drawing with Agnos after 112 moves and more than nine hours of play.

BMA talk on cash for victims

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society has agreed to talks with the British Medical Association on the possibility of a state-funded scheme to provide compensation on a "no fault" basis for victims of medical negligence.

The talks are to take place amid growing concern about the mounting number of negligence claims and the huge awards for damages ordered against doctors.

Under such schemes, which exist in Sweden and New Zealand, a patient who suffers injury as a result of a medical accident is entitled to compensation without having to prove fault in the courts.

The annual meeting of the BMA earlier this year voted for a review of such a scheme because it said the growing number of negligence claims meant doctors were practising "defensive medicine".

The Medical Defence Union and the Medical Protection Society both said on Monday that American-style litigation and awards were just around the corner, and announced increases of 70 per cent in premiums to be paid by doctors for cover.

The courts and the lawyers came in for criticism as a possible reason for the increased amounts being paid out in damages, expected soon to reach the £1 million level. The highest damages so far against a doctor is £700,000.

Mr Bernard Hargrove QC, said yesterday in a foreword to the Medical Defence Union's special notice to doctors: "Are the courts and the lawyers being too clever by half in extending and increasing damages, safe in the (false) assumption that there is a bottomless bucket of insurance money available?"

New rules have also been recently brought in whereby the payment of damages in one lump sum will, in appropriate cases, be superseded by the payment of damages with a right reserved for the patient to have a "second bite".

Mr Hargrove said this was likely to increase overall costs and payments. Another factor was legal aid, which encouraged plaintiffs to press forward with their actions in the knowledge that they have nothing to lose. Three out of four claimants are legally-aided.

Boys die in chase up pylon

Three firemen risked their lives to reach a dying boy trapped on a live electricity pylon.

Mr John Thornaby, aged 36, Mr Frank Duckworth, aged 40, and Mr John Mair, aged 36, were returning from another incident when they saw two youths on a live 66,000-volt pylon. Both boys were on fire - one was dead and the other was screaming in agony.

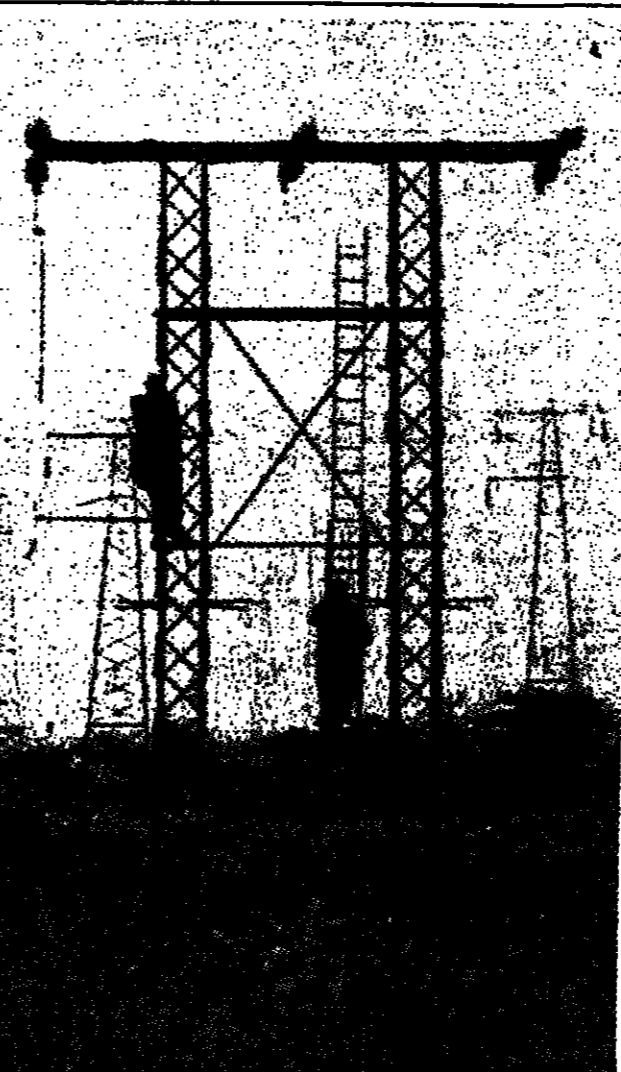
They broke their safety rules to bring James Donkin, aged 15, to the ground before the supply of power to the pylon was switched off. The boy died yesterday at Sunderland General Hospital.

The body of Peter Richardson, aged 15, was recovered after the North Eastern Electricity Board switched off the power.

The two school friends had chased each other up the pylon in a field near their homes in Barnston, Washington, Tyne and Wear, during a game of tag. They ignored the warning of a passer-by to stay clear and danger signs posted at the bottom of the tower.

Mr Ian Colquhoun, of the North Eastern Electricity Board, said: "While we would praise the motives of the firemen involved we would not advise them to go too near live cables at any time. They could easily have been killed themselves."

Questions about the safety of pylons were being asked yesterday over the apparent



Workmen carry out repairs to the pylon where two boys died.

case with which the youngsters climbed the gantry.

The electricity board said there was the normal protection of heavy duty barbed wire guard on each leg. On this type of structure the barbed wire

forms a special plate, about 12ft from the ground, creating the equivalent of an overhanging obstacle that the climber has to get round. A danger warning sign was attached to the left leg.

Council defends safety record

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

132,000 volts and below, comprising pylons carrying the local overhead distribution network of the area boards.

The proportion of the local supply carried by pylons varies. In London, for instance, 99.9 per cent is distributed by underground cable, according to the area board.

In technical terms, there is no legal deterrent against people climbing pylons unless they cause damage.

Safety measures against people clambering the towers rest on barbed wire barriers and spikes around the base of towers to a height of 12 to 20 ft.

This has been regarded as a firmer deterrent than alternatives such as anti-climbing paint, which is intended to

have a slippery pole effect for an intruder.

The spaces between the girders on most structures are wide, providing another discouragement to all but the most determined, in the Electricity Council's view.

The two boys appear to have been killed by a "flash over" from a 60,000 volt line as they reached out as if to grasp the line.

Under normal circumstances, when an insulator breaks down the electricity arcs to the pylon which acts like a lightning conductor carrying the current to earth. Conductors are inspected every day, and about 80 miles of the grid is being replaced with new conductors each year so they will not sag like old ones.

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On 24th August 1986, by virtue of the Gas Act 1986, HM Treasury will assume the rights and liabilities in respect of British Gas 3 per cent Guaranteed Stock, 1990-1995. The stock will therefore become a direct liability of HM Treasury (having been previously a liability of the British Gas Corporation guaranteed by HM Treasury) and will be renamed 3 per cent Guaranteed Gas Stock, 1990-1995.

These changes do not require any action to be taken by stockholders. All existing dividend mandates etc in respect of holdings of British Gas 3 per cent Guaranteed Stock, 1990-1995 on the register of the Bank of England will automatically apply to holdings of the renamed stock. However, income tax will no longer be deducted from dividends of 25 or less per annum.

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Vocal young Tory no stranger to controversy

By Nicholas Beeston

Mr Harry Phibbs, editor of the Conservative student magazine which attacked Lord Stockton and has angered the Tory Establishment, is no stranger to controversy, in spite of his relative youth.

One of the more vocal and militant of the breed of young Tory ideologues in the Federation of Conservative Students, Mr Phibbs first surfaced in 1982 when, as a pupil at Pimlico Comprehensive in London, he was arrested by the KGB at Moscow airport for attempting to smuggle

leaflets on disarmament into the Soviet Union.

Later the school suspended him briefly for distributing anti-feminist leaflets in the classroom.

Since then his exploits have become almost an annual event, usually resulting in red faces at Conservative Central Office and publicity for Mr Phibbs and his libertarian supporters in the federation.

In the latest incident, Mr Phibbs used the federation's quarterly magazine *New Agenda* to brand the former Prime Minister Mr Harold Macmillan, now Lord Stock-

ton, a war criminal and demanded a justification for his alleged wartime decision to renege on the Yalta agreement.

Mr Phibbs and the federation have been involved in several wrangles with the Conservative Party, including a drunken rampage during the federation's annual meeting at Loughborough last year, which resulted in an inquiry by the Conservative Party.

Mr Phibbs said yesterday that he was "completely committed to the party", although he also admitted that the Establishment had tried to keep him "more firmly under

its thumb" than he would like.

That became apparent in 1984 when, after two years as chairman of the Westminster Young Conservatives, Mr Phibbs was purged because of his extreme views.

He is determined to remain editor of *New Agenda*, which is self-financed, even if the Conservative Party and the federation cut its links with him.

The federation's 14,000-strong student membership has in the past displayed strong support for Mr Phibbs

and like-minded student leaders.

A federation spokesman said that branches had the power to discipline members, but the attack on Lord Stockton by Mr Phibbs would be unlikely to result in disciplinary measures.

At the federation's annual meeting next month in Leicester, Mr Phibbs is expected to make a new controversy when he tables a motion asking for "freedom of migration", suggesting that people should be able to live and work in any country they choose.

Dump site protesters keep out engineers

By Mark Dowd

Engineering contractors made two unsuccessful attempts to gain access yesterday to the site at Killingholme, South Humberside, earmarked as a low-level radio-active waste dump.

At 9.15am, 10 protesters blocked the way of an approaching Land Rover, and a request to change the locks of the compound was politely but firmly rejected.

Four hours later, the contractors made a second attempt, this time getting out of the vehicle and making a half-hearted effort to walk through the cordon.

After the second attempt Nirex, the Government's nuclear waste agency, gave a warning that injunctions will be taken out as a last resort.

Anti-nuclear protesters yesterday maintained their 24-hour vigil outside Fulbeck airfield, Lincolnshire, another of the four proposed nuclear waste sites, but contractors hoping to start test drilling failed to turn up.

Expansion at airport sought

The civilian operator at the Manston RAF base in Kent has announced plans to turn it into an international airport handling one million passengers a year.

Seabourne Aviation is to seek planning permission to build a new passenger terminal and cargo facilities at the base on the Isle of Thanet. The company says it has local authority support for the scheme which it claims would create 900 jobs over five years.

Radio services join forces

BBC Radio 4 and the World Service are joining forces to present a season of drama to a world-wide audience for the first time.

Beginning at the end of the month, the simultaneous broadcasts on successive Sunday afternoons will focus on classic European plays by Shaw, Chekhov, Ibsen, Moliere and Pirandello. The exception will be *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller, the American playwright.

Man freed on gun charge

James Kearney, aged 23, unemployed, of Romford Road, Forest Gate, east London, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of threatening an official at an unemployment benefits office with an imitation gun.

He was accused of demanding money with menaces and possession of the firearm with intent. He denied the charges, but did not dispute that he had the gun when he went into the office at Romford to inquire about money due to him.

Ulsterman accused

An electrician appeared at Lambeth magistrates' court in south London yesterday accused of conspiracy to cause explosions between October 6, 1983, and January 25, 1984.

Gilbert Thomas Patrick McNamee, aged 25, of Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, who is accused of conspiring with Paul Kavanagh and Natalino Vella, was remanded in custody until tomorrow.

Man quizzed on flare death

Police have questioned a man after the death of a retired businessman who was struck in the chest by a distress flare during a fireworks display to mark the end of Cowes week.

A resumed inquest yesterday into the death of Lesley Hoggett, aged 61, of Kingswood, Hampshire, was told that it had not been decided whether to prosecute the man.

Cider traffic moves to rail

More than 4,000 lorries a year will be kept off Somerset roads because of a big goods contract won by British Rail.

Up to five million tonnes of cider a year will be carried by rail to Scotland, northern and southern England, and Northern Ireland for Tamnton Cider, which produces a third of Britain's cider in Norton Fitzwarren, near Taunton.

Dog attack

Surgeons were trying last night to sew back an ear that was bitten off when Mrs. Kathleen Roffe, aged 56, a postwoman, was attacked by three alsatian dogs as she delivered mail to a house in Wheatridge, Gloucester.

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Smoker plans the first damages claim against a tobacco company

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A man who it is claimed risks losing a leg as a result of smoking is planning to sue Imperial Tobacco in the first legal action of its kind in this country.

If the case succeeds, it could open the floodgates to compensation claims totalling millions of pounds, the anti-smoking group, ASH, said yesterday. The man, who is aged 31 and comes from Liverpool, is said to be suffering from Burger's disease, a type of peripheral vascular disease which affects the circulation and frequently leads to amputation of a limb. ASH says the disease is almost exclusive to smokers and the fact that the man is so young makes the link with tobacco all the stronger.

So far neither the man, nor the solicitors who expect the case to be filed within the next few weeks, have been named. Before beginning the action, a report is being prepared on whether the suit has "a sporting chance of success".

With the backing of that report ASH will then seek to raise funds from charities and bodies such as the British Medical Association to bring proceedings. The costs are estimated at a minimum of £200,000.

Genetic factor to meningitis found

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Scientists believe they may have discovered that an inherited factor makes some people vulnerable to meningitis, and that this may explain why the disease strikes only at clusters of people in certain areas.

Researchers at Edinburgh University and Edinburgh City Hospital have discovered that a high percentage of victims do not produce natural defences to some infections, including meningitis.

The studies showed that 69 per cent of those with the illness belonged to a group known as non-secretors, who represent only about 20 per cent of the British population. Similar work in Iceland, where there has been a recent epidemic of the disease, showed that 54 per cent of meningitis patients were also non-secretors.

The Edinburgh team is offering to analyse samples from patients in cluster areas, such as Stroud in Gloucestershire, to investigate whether a similar high proportion are non-secretors.

Dr Caroline Blackwell, who led the research at the university's bacteriology department, said yesterday: "Our findings may help us

find out more about why certain people are susceptible to this disease. "People are born either with or without the ability to secrete blood group antigens. It looks like these antigens play a role in natural defences of the body against this form of meningitis."

Dr Ray Brettle, of the infectious diseases unit at the City Hospital, said: "If we could establish whether there is a higher ratio than the national average of non-secretors in areas such as Stroud it would help remove some of the mystique about the source of the infection, and why only some people become ill."

"This research could help identify those in the population who are potential candidates for a vaccine when one becomes available." Another case of the disease was confirmed in Worcester yesterday. Two people in the area have died from meningitis this year and the number of local cases is now six.

A total of 540 cases in England and Wales have been reported this year, including 86 deaths.

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"It is absurd that the manufacturers of the single most lethal consumer product that the world has ever known should apparently be exempt from paying damages, Mr Simpson said.

The medical profession were more united about the dangers of smoking than on any other matter and of all the dangers linked with smoking, including lung cancer, coronary heart disease and vascular disease had the closest link of all, he said. "It is now virtually unknown for someone to have a limb amputated for gangrene except where he is a smoker," Mr Simpson said.

So far, in the United States, the tobacco companies have not paid a penny in damages, but their legal bills are rising. According to Professor Daynard, it has cost the industry an estimated £10 million to defend a lawsuit brought by a youth of 19 who contracted cancer of the tongue after taking snuff for several years.

But the fight is not likely to be a quick one. One issue will be - as in America - whether the law requiring a health warning on cigarette packets protects companies from product liability actions.

Twins by new egg technique

By Our Science Correspondent

A woman in Merseyside is expecting twins after undergoing a new treatment for infertility.

The technique is quicker, cheaper and more natural than test-tube baby methods, the consultant who developed it said yesterday.

Eggs, instead of being removed and fertilized in the laboratory, are transferred directly by laparoscopy from the patient's ovary to the fallopian tube. Sperm from the woman's partner are then injected by syringe to attempt fertilization.

The technique, known as Giff (gamete intra-fallopian tube transfer) has been developed by Mr Darwish Darwish, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Arrow Park Hospital, Birkenhead.

Mrs Joanne Fraser, of Wallasey, is the first patient to become pregnant by the treatment.

Mr Darwish said: "This technique could offer hope to many thousands of infertile couples. We are hoping to achieve more successes."

Acquittal in mower drink case

Jill Dowson, a divorcee, thought an early morning drive on a lawn mower would be the perfect way to round off her thirty-fifth birthday party.

But an off-duty policeman saw her as she drove across a neighbour's garden with three friends and a dog in tow, and she was arrested and breath tested.

As a result, she was accused of driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol, driving while disqualified and driving without insurance.

PC Gordon Shade told magistrates at Glastonbury, Somerset, that he had returned home to Neville Park, Baltonborough, when he heard laughter and saw the mower towing a trailer across the lawn of the house opposite.

A breath test at Frenze police station showed that Mrs Dowson had a reading of twice the legal limit for driving.

Mrs Dowson's solicitor, Mr Patrick Butler, told the court: "The success of the prosecution case hinges on whether a garden tractor is a motor vehicle intended or adapted for use on the road."

Mrs Betty Boyd, the court chairman, said the magistrates were not satisfied that it was.



Jill Dowson, birthday trip ends in court. Mrs Dowson was cleared of all three offences. Her application for costs was accepted.

Football fan sues over view

A football fan is suing Oxford United because he could not see a match properly from a £10 seat in the main stand.

Mr Michael Walker, aged 39, bought four £10 seats to watch his team, Portsmouth, play Oxford United last January in a Milk Cup tie, which Oxford won 3-1.

Judge Leo Clark was told in Oxford County Court yesterday that an anti-hooligan barrier prevented Mr Walker from seeing any more than a third of the pitch.

Judge Clark visited Oxford United's Manor Ground yesterday to see where Mr Walker of The Keep, Portchester, Hampshire, was obliged to sit.

Mr Walker is claiming £200 compensation for alleged breach of contract.

Mr Brian Dalton, the Oxford United managing director, said that other clubs used similar barriers.

The case continues.

Ship's master charged with pier damage

Mr Frank Boyd, master of the sludge ship, Kingsabbey, which sliced through South-end pier causing damage estimated at £2 million, is to be taken to court.

The Kingsabbey ploughed through the pier, taking with her two souvenir shops and part of a lavatory.

Mr Boyd, aged 43, of Bexleyheath, south-east London, will appear at Grays Magistrates' Court in Essex on September 17 to face charges of navigating without due care and attention, or in a manner likely to injure or endanger persons and other vessels and structures above the high-water level.

He is also charged with being the master of a vessel which failed to comply with directions relating to the use of the automatic pilot and for allegedly failing to maintain a proper lookout.



River police rescuing two adventurers from their sinking craft on the Thames yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Bubble bursts on trial Channel 'roll'

The bubble burst for two adventurers yesterday when a stunt on the river Thames went wrong.

Mr David Kirke and Mr Hugo Spower were trying to "roll" down the river inside a huge 65ft-high air balloon. But after only five minutes on the water, the massive transparent bubble popped and slowly deflated.

It left the men, both members of the Dangerous Sports Club, smothered underneath the huge PVC balloon, nicknamed Melonball, after the sponsors who produce a new melon liqueur.

The two men hacked their way out with knives and were picked up by a police launch. The stunt was supposed to be a test run for a Channel crossing later this summer.

"Of course I'm a little melancholy," Mr Kirke, aged 40, of Fulam, south-west London, said after the near disaster.

Mr Kirke, who was soaking wet, added: "If anything it makes me more keen to do the Channel crossing."

Mr Spower, aged 26, said the bubble burst because a wire attached to the tug pulling it snapped and punctured the balloon's skin.

"We are definitely going ahead with the Channel crossing - there's no doubt about it," he said.

Homes on surplus land urged

By John Winder

About 3,500,000 acres of farming land which is surplus to the needs of agriculture should be used for providing homes and industry, Mr Graham Pye, chairman of the Pye house-building group, argues in a paper published today.

The article is part of a reply to the Oxford speech on farming and environment issues by Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Environment, Countryside and Local Government, last January.

In a comment at the end of the paper, published by the Centre for Policy Studies, a right-wing Conservative "think tank" set up by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph in the 1970s, Mr Waldegrave says Mr Pye's solution, rejecting that Britain must surely not retreat from nineteenth century cities and move a nearly stable population into the undamaged countryside.

Mr Pye, immediate past president of the House Builders' Federation, says that the minister's approach to the problem is worrying because it fails to recognize the scale of the problem facing farming, the financial implications and the regrettable disdain of the environmental campaigner for the rights and wishes of the majority to share in wealth and personal comfort from the development of new homes and jobs.

He says that keeping out of production the 15 per cent - 3.5 million acres - of agricultural land could cost the nation at least £175 million a year and possibly as much as £400 million annually.

On Ministry of Agriculture budgets, he says that it could be paid for by permanently abandoning all research, which costs £240 million, but that for Mr Waldegrave the abandonment of the urban programme at £227 million could almost pay for the "preservation in aspic" of the countryside.

Mr Pye argues that the need is widely accepted to adapt and modernize economic structures and to re-site industries in locations which would help to produce profits.

Since it would be beyond the ability, and probably the will, of the taxpayer to fund farmers' inactivity on the scale the environmentalists' solution might dictate, it was the development industry which could, and should, make common cause with the farmer.

Mr Waldegrave's riposte suggests that the achievement of preserving about 80 per cent of land from development should be maintained.

The minister says: "I do not believe that all the land which need not be used for intensive farming in the future need go wholly out of farming and forestry uses. The market will see to it that more extensive, less capital intensive farming uses will become more worthwhile - just as long as the land is not finally lost to urbanization while urban deterioration elsewhere grows."

Scottish exams controversy

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Schools in Scotland are to be told that Standard Grade examination candidates who were given a "no award" certificate this month will get a second chance, if teachers agree to carry out the vital classroom assessment by the end of December.

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no-awards will be seen as failures. Most candidates in these subjects were entered for the old O grade, which was specially retained because of the effects of the pay dispute and which contains no teacher assessment. But some schools chose to enter their pupils for the new Standard Grade.

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"It was clearly repeated," he said. "The administration of schools has failed to make it perfectly clear to pupils and it did not sink in with the parents."

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However, the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS), which represents most Scottish teachers, said that the blame for what happened must lie with the board and ministers for "encouraging" schools to do the Standard Grade examination knowing that teachers would not cooperate.

A spokesman for the Scottish Education Department denied that the no-award certificates would be seen as failures.

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Sex equality fight on council's hands

By Our Education Correspondent

Bradford council faces another battle with a teacher, similar to the Honeyford affair over race and education. But this time the issue is the authority's policy on sex equality.

A senior teacher in Keighley, West Yorkshire, could face disciplinary action as a result of a scathing article he wrote in the *Telegraph and Argus*, Bradford, about the council's decision to appoint a sex equality adviser at a salary of £18,000 a year.

Mr Peter Thorpe, head of mathematics at Highfield middle school, who describes himself as a life-long Labour voter, said the adviser's appointment was a waste of taxpayers' money.

"It is clear that in spite of the vociferous efforts of rampant feminism and the today's opportunism of local politicians, the great bulk of the population still acknowledges that men and women have natural leanings and

orientations," he declared in the article. "It seems that the majority of girls are - many would think sensibly - following the traditional female role model - presented to them by their mothers and large numbers of early-years teachers."

He argued that "career-oriented" females should be stopped from imposing their values on others. His views have met with a hostile reaction from the Labour-controlled Bradford council.

Mr Brian McAndrew, acting chief executive, said: "I am extremely disappointed with the article. I have asked the acting director of education to decide whether this is a matter which warrants disciplinary action."

Councillor Barrie Thorne, chairman of Highfield school's governors, has asked the school's head to interview Mr Thorpe about the article, and to tell him that it contradicts the council's policy on sex equality.

Channel 4 pulls out of schools film scheme

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Channel 4 Television has withdrawn a promise of support for a project by Mr David Puttnam, the film producer, to introduce film studies to schools.

Mr Paul Bonner, Channel 4 controller of programmes, said yesterday: "It is certainly a worthwhile project. But with the best will in the world, we could not see a precise enough connection between it and our primary objective of making programmes to justify diverting funds."

Mr Ian Wall, a film educationist, who has been coordinating the scheme, said that the prospects of it being launched were now receding.

"We will be approaching other potential sponsors, but at the moment it looks like it might not happen. It's particularly disappointing in view of the support we've had from the film industry itself," he said.

Hopes that the Department of Trade and Industry would give its support were dashed earlier this month.

Second chance for pupils

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Engineers woo school leavers

By Our Education Correspondent

The number of unfilled technical apprenticeships in the engineering industry is worrying companies in the Midlands so much that employers have launched a new campaign to attract school leavers. The Engineering Employers' Association in the region wants to show 16-year-olds and their parents that the old metal-bashing image is long out of date. The industry needs to train at least 200 youngsters, mostly as technicians, each year. Mr Rod Hastie, the association's director of operations, said: "A reason why individuals shun the apprenticeships is because they think of engineering in terms of metal-bashing, a sunset industry."

"They don't see the big strides in technology that have been taken." An apprentice technician can hope to earn up to £15,000 during the four years of training and about £9,000 a year three years after graduating.

The lack of interest among suitable school leavers in the region and surrounding areas has led one company, Deritend Precision Castings in Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, to describe its own situation as "desperate".

Extensive advertising has drawn only two qualified candidates, Mr Rex Delicate, its personnel manager, said.

The company, like many of the 2,000 engineering firms in the West Midlands, wants to attract 16-year-olds with four or five O levels in mathematics, physics, technical drawing and English.

A Berkshire hotel is hiring French waiters because it cannot find anyone to do the job.

Only two restaurant waiters at the Great Hotel at Maidenhead are English - the rest are French.

But when the hotel advertised in a French magazine earlier this year it had 48 replies.

"French job seekers see hotel and waiting work as an honourable career, which is not how we see the industry in England," Mr Andrew Elvin, the hotel's personnel manager, said.

Police hurt as youths riot. Hundreds of youths were involved in a disturbance at Llanelly in west Wales yesterday in which four police officers were injured.

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Portfolio Gold

Two share £12,000 jackpot

Two people shared prize money of £12,000 in Portfolio Gold yesterday after no winner was declared in the previous two days.

Mrs Dorothy Margaret Armstrong, aged 54, a teacher, of Middleton Street, Blyth, Northumberland, who has been playing the competition since it began, won at her first attempt after her return from holiday.

She said her £6,000 share would be very welcome.

Mrs Armstrong shared the money with Mrs Patsy Cooke, aged 34, a mother of four, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, who will use the money to help establish an alternative medical service.

Mrs Cooke, who was delighted with the news, said: "I feel like a million dollars."

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Mrs Cooke, money for medical service.

Ironing death brings plea from coroner

Mr Michael Rose, the Somerset Coroner, called for higher safety standards yesterday after hearing how Mrs Christine Way was electrocuted as she did her ironing.

Mrs Way, aged 42, died in her garden last month as she did the ironing outdoors. Faulty wiring caused her extension socket to come alive.

Recording a verdict of accidental death at the inquest in Taunton yesterday, Mr Rose urged people to buy circuit breakers. Such a device, if fitted to Mrs Way's iron cable, would have cut the current and saved her.

The inquest was told that Mrs Way's daughter Sarah, aged 13, found her mother dead in the garden of their home in Monkton Heathfield, near Taunton, when she came home from school.

In a statement read out at the inquest, she said her mother's body was on the lawn. A cable was running across her chest and she had turned blue.

Mr Douglas Sweet, who investigated the accident for the South-West Electricity Board, said a plug on the extension lead was wrongly wired, with the live and earth confused; a second lead had no earth.

That caused the metal extension socket to become live and had led to Mrs Way's death.

Leaking fuel catches fire on holiday jet

Passengers on board a Dan-Air jet were taken off the aircraft after fuel leaking from an engine ignited while it was preparing for take-off at Manchester airport yesterday.

The aircraft was being pushed back by a towing vehicle when the dripping fuel caught fire on the ground.

The 109 passengers, who had been on their way to Fort Mahon in Moscow left the aircraft by the normal staircase. The captain shut down the engines and the fire was put out by ground engineers using fire extinguishers. A spokeswoman for the airline said: "The fire was contained and put out extremely quickly." The passengers left later on a replacement aircraft.

Boy, 2, saves sick mother

A boy aged two saved his mother after she fell into a diabetic coma yesterday.

Paul Wilcox, of Dukeries Crescent, Workson, Nottinghamshire, ran round to a neighbour's house and raised the alarm.

His mother, Mrs Paul Wilcox, was taken to hospital after a 999 call and was given emergency treatment. She later recovered.

"The boy showed amazing presence of mind and courage," Mr Brian Wilkinson, an ambulance man, said later. "He realized urgent action was required. He is a little hero."

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Powers for police to evict mass trespassers

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

New powers for police and more effective legal action by landowners are contained in a combined government strategy against mass trespass announced yesterday.

The strategy arises from the mass invasions of land by hippies earlier this year. Ministers are drawing up detailed proposals on new police powers to evict trespassers, which are promised for the report stage in the Lords of the Public Order Bill. Action would be set off by a refusal to leave on request, a

risk of causing serious damage to property, and harassment or intimidation of the lawful occupier.

At present trespass is not a criminal offence. The Government has in mind a back-up offence, if the trespasser refused to obey police instructions to leave.

Concerted action to identify potential trespassers in travelling groups so that preventive legal moves can be made, is recommended also in advice yesterday to farmers and landowners by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The ministry says joint tactics of that kind are

particularly useful where trespassers are evicted from one piece of land in the area and try to find an alternative nearby site.

The use of siege moves is supported: "You may take reasonable steps to prevent entry by trespassers on to your land by blocking the entrances to fields, but you must take care not to obstruct any rights of way."

But the ministry gives a warning to landowners not to use force, although the law permits reasonable force to be used to remove trespassers. "Use of excessive force could result in civil or criminal

proceedings being taken against you," it says.

One of the difficulties of enforcing a High Court order for possession is that a payment of costs may be granted, but only against named defendants. Enforcement is carried out by officers of the under-sheriff in whose area the land is.

"A fee is payable to the under-sheriff for enforcement, as well as his charges, depending on the number of men and amount of equipment he needs," the advice says.

The advice, prepared with the help of the Country Landowners' Association and the National Farmers' Union,

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The world ponders Gorbachov's initiative on arms race

US sees Soviet problems as aid to summit outcome

From Michael Binyon Washington

President Reagan let slip a revealing remark the other day when asked about the prospects for success at a summit with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. "I'm optimistic that we're going to make more progress than probably has been made in a number of years, because of some of the problems that are concerning the General Secretary at this time," he said.

They believe that he has to create some dynamism and to show a success in foreign affairs if he is to consolidate his power and overcome the negative effects of Chernobyl. President Reagan clearly believes these analysts. But within his Administration there are serious disagreements over how the US should take best advantage of Mr Gorbachov's difficulties.

Defence Initiative, knowing that the Russians cannot afford a new arms race. The pragmatists have argued the exact opposite. They say that driving the Russian bear into a corner could have dangerous and unpredictable results.

propaganda, warning their allies and Western opinion not to be duped by Moscow's constant attempts to split the Nato alliance. Unlike the disharmony of two years ago, US arms control policies have been more closely co-ordinated with Nato allies, despite disagreements on Salt 2 and the interpretation of the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty.

Bonn hails test ban extension

Bonn (Reuters) - West Germany's Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, welcomed yesterday the Soviet Union's extension of its nuclear test moratorium until January 1, and said that the move could be a useful step towards a complete ban on atomic testing.

SDI warning puzzles experts

US defence analysts are puzzled by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's enigmatic warning that if necessary Moscow would respond to President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) programme by making the whole of it "pointless and useless".

From Mohsin Ali, Washington He said that the Soviet Union produced about 300 inter-continental ballistic missiles a year to maintain a force of about 1,400 operational missiles. This was because the liquid-fuelled rockets had a life of about five years, whereas a new generation of solid-fuelled rockets would have a storage life of 10 or even 15 years.



Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, giving a news briefing yesterday in Moscow. He said that the Soviet Union was disappointed at the United States' failure to respond positively to its extension of its nuclear test moratorium (Reuters reports).

propropaganda was "very disappointing. But we are still full of hope that common sense and reason will prevail."

Museveni strengthens Libyan economic ties

Uganda is strengthening its links with Libya, which is believed to be offering substantial economic aid in order to strengthen its influence in East Africa.

King Birendra of Nepal, right, lighting a peace torch in Kathmandu yesterday. The torch will be taken as far as possible up the Mt Everest route followed by the climbers E.L. Mallory and J. Irvine in 1924 to commemorate the United Nations International Year of Peace. Looking on at left is Sherpa Nawang Yongden, the first Nepalese to climb the world's highest peak during winter.



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Stockholm (AP) - Four people have been arrested in what may be Sweden's largest bank coup: the stealing, selling and stealing again of forestry shares worth up to £5.3 million.

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Interior decided to get rid of them. It has proved an almost impossible task. Under their charismatic leader they have closed ranks and multiplied. They have no identity cards and do not register births or deaths, so their exact number is unknown. But as many as 3,000 of them are now estimated to be living in towns around the Negev desert.

They are ruled by the "divine council" administering their pooled income derived from selling jewellery, leather goods, records of their jazz group or wages paid to male members working at the Dead Sea potash works (the cult calls it the Live Sea).

work and to deport them for having no proper entry or work visas. The High Court has just upheld deportation orders against 46 men arrested in this way last April.

Nobel men unite in support for Darwin

From Michael Binyon Washington

The monkey trials are back in court. Nobel Prize-winners and scientific organizations have urged the US Supreme Court to throw out a Louisiana law that would require schools to teach "creation science" as well as evolution.

Picasso painting found unharmed

Melbourne (Reuters) - Picasso's "Weeping Woman", stolen from the Victorian National Gallery 16 days ago, has been found in a railway station locker after an anonymous telephone tip-off.

A group calling itself "Australian Cultural Terrorists" had claimed responsibility for the theft of the £1 million work.

The gallery director, Mr Patrick McCaughey, was with police when they removed the 1937 oil painting from the locker and confirmed that it was the missing Picasso. It had not been damaged.

Friends again

London - Britain and Guatemala have renewed diplomatic relations at consular level after a five-year break arising from the Central American state's claim to territory of the neighbouring former British colony of Belize.

Defence chief

Moscow (Reuters) - The former commander of Soviet troops in East Germany, General Pyotr Lushev, whose appointment as a First Deputy Defence Minister emerged at the weekend, has replaced Marshal Vasily Retov, who worked without portfolio.

Strike broken

Perth (Reuters) - More than 300 sacked workers have ended their occupation of a giant natural gas rig after being threatened with heavy fines. They began leaving by helicopter.

Militant free

Washington (AP) - Mr Stokely Carmichael, the former American black militant, has been released from jail in Guinea after three days of detention.

Nuclear tour

Hong Kong (Reuters) - A left-wing Hong Kong newspaper, Wai Wai Po, is organizing tours to the site of the proposed nuclear power plant at Daya Bay, 30 miles inside China, which has alarmed many citizens.

Death leap

Philadelphia (AP) - Robert McPeake, a defendant in a rape case, bolted across a courtroom, dived through a window and plunged six floors to his death as the jury was returning a guilty verdict.

Mine trap

Managua (AFP) - Seven civilians died and three others were injured when their vehicle ran over a mine believed to have been planted by Contra guerrillas fighting the Sandinista Government.

Rural view

Peking (Reuters) - Thirty million rural households in China - nearly one in nine - have television, according to a report to a conference.

TV break

Port Moresby (Reuters) - The Papua New Guinea Government rushed new laws through Parliament to prevent the introduction of television into the South Pacific country until January 1988.

Sun power

Moscow (AFP) - A new solar energy oven near Kiev, the Ukrainian city contaminated by fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, is about to start baking bread and pastries, turning out loaves in 20 to 22 minutes and baking pastries in 16 to 18 minutes.

Old bones

Prague (AP) - A grave with three skeletons, estimated to be about 25,000 years old, has been discovered at Dolni Vestonice in southern Moravia.

Seeing red

Brussels (Reuters) - A bull that charged a bright red fire-engine in Dorpstraat, in north-west Belgium, caused £5,000 damage.

Fugitive's expulsion is blocked

From Martha Honey San José

A Briton wanted by Scotland Yard in connection with the £26 million Brinks-Mat robbery in 1983 remains in jail here after his lawyer blocked his deportation with a legal manoeuvre.

Pretoria detainees could total 12,000

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The 8,500 people named in Parliament on Monday by the South African Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, as having been detained under the State of Emergency include only those held for more than 30 days; the total number of detainees could be much higher.

South African 'agents' blamed for Swazi raid

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

About 10 armed men, both white and black, who crossed the border illegally from South Africa, were said yesterday by Swazi sources to have been responsible for raids last weekend on houses and offices in Mbabane, the capital of Swaziland.

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EEC butter mountain reaches record peak as dairies exceed quota

From Jonathan Braude, Brussels

The EEC butter mountain has reached new heights over the past few weeks, topping 1.3 million tonnes for the first time as dairies sell more and more unwanted butter to EEC stores.

Figures released by the European Commission in Brussels yesterday show that publicly-owned stores of surplus butter totalled 1,358,000 tonnes at the end of July, an increase of 30,000 tonnes in the space of a month.

EEC dairy committee figures show that stocks have continued to rise since then and reached 1,363,000 tonnes by August 14.

Meanwhile, stocks stored privately by dairies with the aid of EEC subsidies have been rising even faster, bringing the total butter stockpile to 1.4 million tonnes by the middle of this month. Privately-held butter stocks are

increasing at a rate of more than 6,000 tonnes a week.

At the same time, milk powder stocks have also been rising inexorably. By August 14 they topped a million tonnes, more than double the amount of a year ago.

Ironically, the increase in stocks comes at a time when the introduction of milk production quotas has cut EEC milk output by more than six million tonnes a year, although farmers have exceeded production quotas this year for the first time since they were introduced in 1984.

Mr Carlo Trojan, chief adviser to the EEC agriculture commissioner, has recently blamed the increase in stocks on shrinking export markets.

While EEC farmers have cut milk production, he told an EEC dairy trade conference in May, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and

the Nordic countries, the Community's Market's main competitors on the dairy market, have increased their share of world exports.

In an attempt to win back markets and to reduce stocks, the EEC recently announced measures, including special cut-price offers to the Soviet Union, India and the Middle East of butter for use as calf feed at the equivalent of 2.5 pence a half-pound packet.

Consumers have also benefited from sales of cheap "concentrated" butter for cooking, while food processors have been tempted to replace vegetable oils with butter and milk-powder.

But EEC stores still represent an attractive guaranteed market for surplus produce, and the dairy policy continues to account for almost a quarter of the EEC's agricultural budget.

Moscow angry at Jewish claims

Moscow (Reuters) - The Soviet Union has no plans for further talks with Israel after Monday's first meeting in Helsinki between the two countries for almost 20 years, the Soviet Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, a ministry spokesman, accused Israel of "unjustifiable interference" on the issue of Soviet Jewry. He said there would be no more discussion of consular ties with Israel after the 90-minute talks.

His statement contrasted sharply with a comment on Monday by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Foreign Minister, who described the Helsinki talks as a good beginning of dialogue with Moscow.

Violence engulfs Bhutto stronghold

From Michael Hamlyn Thano Adam, Pakistan

Men of Pakistan's Baluch Regiment in machine-gunned order last night to this little agricultural town 150 miles into the interior of Sind province, north of Karachi, after two days of violence and counter-violence by rival political groups.

On Monday, after the call of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of Miss Benazir Bhutto to start protests at her arrest, a mob 2,000 strong assembled at the crossroads and began a programme of mayhem.

When the police came to disperse it, the crowd itself opened fire with Kalashnikovs and shotguns. Two policemen were killed on the spot and one was seriously injured. The police opened fire in return, wounding a number of demonstrators.

The protesters scattered, took to the rooftops and began sniping at police, while bands of 200 or so began systematically burning government property. They burnt the offices of the national bank, the water and power development authority, three shops, and an Urdu school.

The violence mirrored events taking place elsewhere in the province, which is the stronghold of Miss Bhutto's party.

In several towns and villages angry mobs burnt banks and other buildings. They blocked the main "super highway" from Karachi to neighbouring Punjab with



A supporter of Miss Bhutto comes in for rough treatment from police in Karachi yesterday.

trees, and at one place burst open a small reservoir and flooded the road.

The main Karachi-Lahore railway was cut in ten places by crowds who simply unscrewed the fishplates, removed the rails and burnt the sleepers.

Yesterday in Thano Adam the inhabitants were bitterly counting the cost. Like many interior Sind towns the population is largely Urdu-speaking, and not indigenous Sindhi. They are Mohajirs, those immigrants (or their children) who crossed into

Pakistan at the time of Partition in 1947.

Among the Mohajirs support for the authoritarian rule of General Zia ul-Haq (who was himself born in what is now Indian Punjab) runs strongly.

The inhabitants bitterly resented the PPP attacks on their town on Monday, which they said were carried out by Sindhi-speaking outsiders from the villages around.

So yesterday another mob rampaged through the town, this time shouting slogans like "Zia zindabad, Benazir marhabad" ("Long live Zia, death to Benazir"). They set fire to a paint store owned by a known PPP supporter, which blazed with a fierce ardour, and thick

Israel and Egypt play snap over arbitrators

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

On the neutral ground of Geneva, Israeli and Egyptian negotiators are playing a diplomatic game of snap. The aim of the game is to agree on the international arbitrators who will decide which of the two countries has sovereign rights over the border resort of Taba on the Gulf of Aqaba.

The rules have been agreed with the United States, which is acting as referee. The players must choose three people whom both countries will accept as impartial in resolving the complicated dispute, with its references to the Ottoman Empire, Lawrence of Arabia, the British Mandate in Palestine and the series of wars in the area since Israel came into being in 1948.

The United States has given each country a secret list of 30 names. It is rumoured that it includes such figures as Dr Henry Kissinger, but nobody on the list has been told that his or her name is on it.

Each country is now handing in to the Americans a choice of names from the list. Neither side knows which the other has chosen, nor do the Americans say which names they have been given. But as soon as a name appears on both lists that person is chosen automatically.

So far each side has nominated six people, but none of them coincides. When they eventually do, the arbitration agreement between the two countries will at last be ready for signing and a meeting between Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, and President Mubarak of Egypt will be arranged.

The "cold peace" which has continued between the two countries since the Camp David agreements were signed in 1978 is expected to warm up and the stalled Middle East peace process could well get under way again.

The stakes in this particular session of snap must be among the highest in the history of the game.

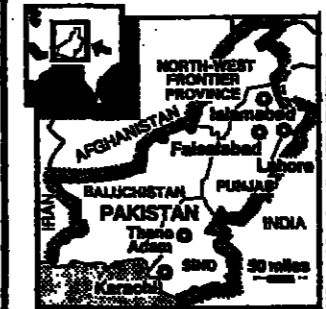
CHICAGO: US authorities are said to be investigating an attempt by Israeli military officers to steal plans for a sophisticated airborne spy camera system from a US defence plant (AP reports).

The *Chicago Tribune*, citing government officials, said that the US Customs Service was investigating the theft attempt. ABC News has carried a similar report, but Customs officials would not comment yesterday.

Security officers at Recon-Optical in Barrington, Illinois, stopped three Israeli Air Force officers as they were leaving the plant on May 27 and confiscated 50,000 pages of technical drawings and notes handwritten in Hebrew, the newspaper reported.

Recon had filed a lawsuit in New York accusing the Israelis of having tried to steal the technology used in a secret aerial reconnaissance system that was being developed for Israel by Recon, the newspaper said.

Mr Jeffrey Fillman, a New York City lawyer who represents Israel, said that the accusation was false.



black smoke. Two other shops belonging to PPP men were also broken into before the police and the Army came on the scene.

For a time the forces of law and order seemed content to stand by and let the pre-government mob get on with its destructive games, but the local magistrate, Mr Muhammad Ibrahim Memon, urged them into action, yelling: "Go and arrest them. Arrest them."

Last night the town stirred uneasily under a tightly-imposed curfew.

Mr Muhammad Shah Anzori, Karachi convener of the ten-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), yesterday emerged from hiding to give a press conference in the city, in which he said that at least 25 people had died since the start of the disturbances on Pakistan's Independence Day last Thursday.

20 killed by car bomb in Tehran rush hour

Tehran (Reuters) - Twenty people were killed and many others wounded when a car bomb exploded in a busy square in central Tehran yesterday, Tehran Radio said.

The blast ripped through morning rush-hour traffic in Ferdowsi Square, shattering windows of nearby buildings and setting ablaze several vehicles.

Some of the casualties were on a passing bus caught in the blast, the deadliest bomb attack reported in Iran this year.

The radio accused "American agents" of having planted the bomb in a Jiyon car, the locally built version of a Citroen 2CV.

Informed sources cited by Irna, the Iranian news agency, said the device contained more than 50 lb of TNT and was detonated by a timer.

Four previous explosions have claimed five lives in Tehran this year, and a car bomb blast killed 13 and wounded about 100 in the holy city of Qom, in central Iran, on Saturday.

Tehran newspapers said that several suspects had been arrested in connection with the Qom explosion.

LONDON: The Mujahedin Khalq, an Iranian left-wing opposition group, said it condemned "any form of bombing in public places causing the deaths of innocent people" and denied an involvement with recent explosions.

"By relating such acts of terrorism to the People's Mujahedin, the (Tehran) regime seeks to pave the way for the execution of yet more political prisoners," it said.

Vatican bars professor

From Michael Binyon Washington

The Vatican has stripped an American professor who challenged Church teaching on abortion and contraception of his right to teach theology at a Roman Catholic university here or at any other pontifical institution.

A Vatican announcement said that the dissent of Father Charles Curran (right) over sexual ethics made him no longer "suitable or eligible to teach Catholic theology".

The decision, approved by the Pope on July 10, comes after six years of sometimes heated negotiation between Father Curran and the Church.

On several occasions he has publicly and emphatically refused Vatican demands that he retract dissenting positions on such issues as divorce, abortion, contraception and pre-marital sex.



The action was announced on Monday evening by Archbishop James Hickey of Washington, Chancellor of the university.

Father Curran, who was support from the Catholic Theological Society of America, may stay on the university staff in a position not directly under the Archbishop's control.



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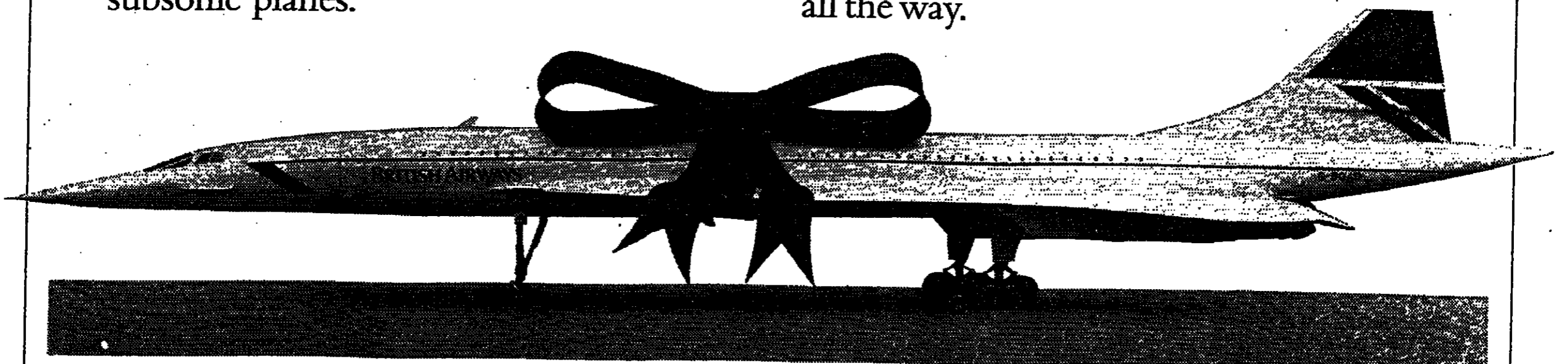
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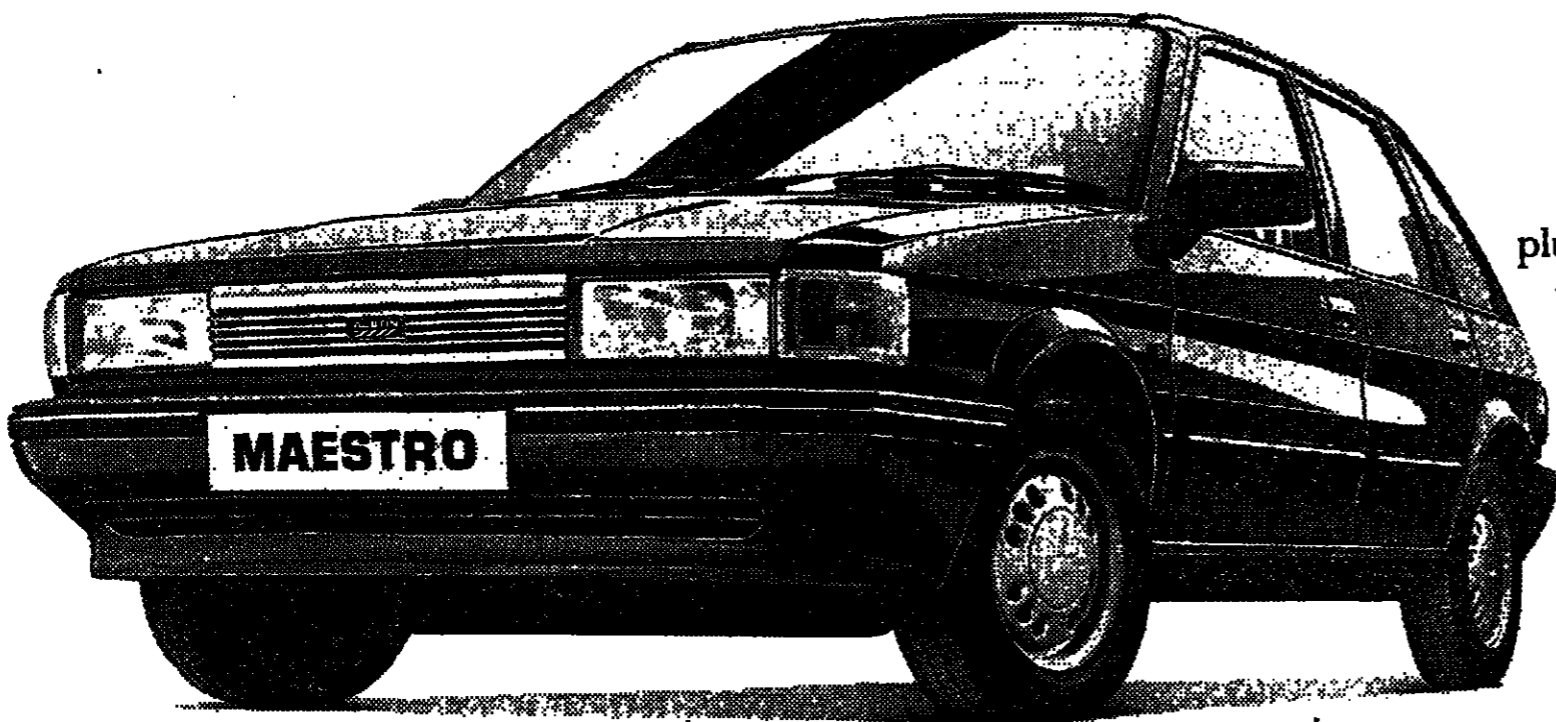
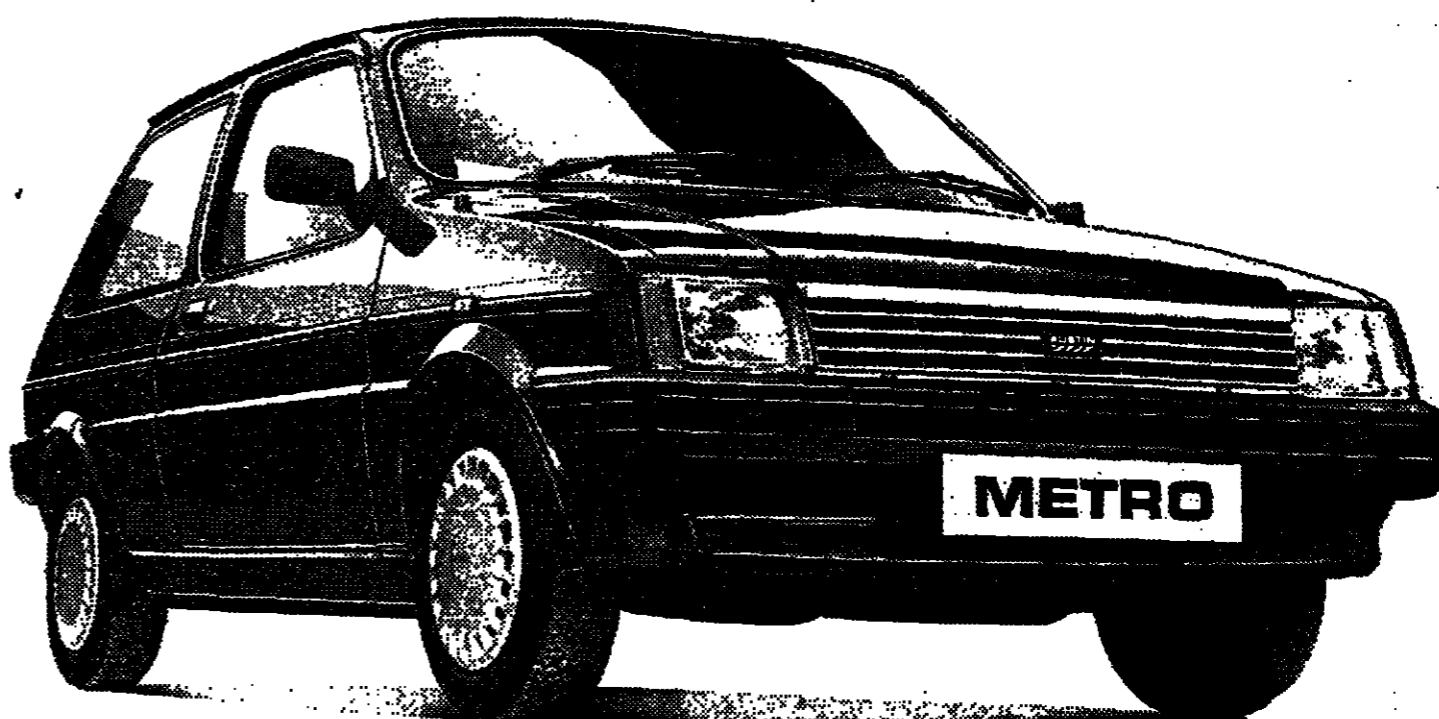
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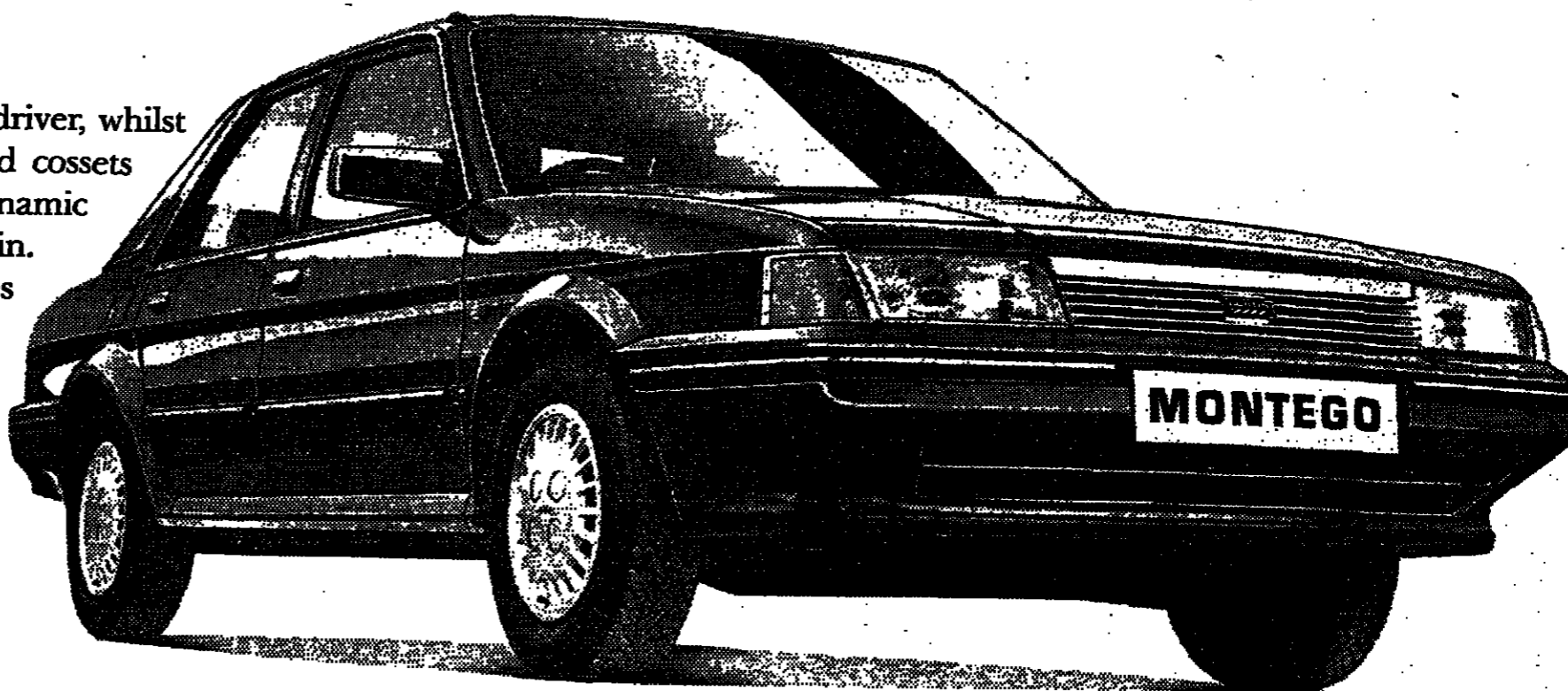


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Stacking the odds against a test ban

America has made an average of four nuclear warheads every day for 40 years. But, as Keith Hindley explains, many scientists think Washington's coolness towards the Gorbachov call for a test moratorium is justified

At first sight, the scene could be from any western. The morning sun lights the bluff rocks of the mesa walls. Only scrawny grass, yucca, mesquite and Joshua trees sprout on the arid valley floor.

can warhead research is out of control. In the 40 years since the first atom bombs, the Americans have built 60,850 nuclear warheads at a cost, in 1986 dollars, of \$217 billion.

A closer look reveals several square miles of pock-marked with hundreds of small craters and criss-crossed with dirt roads. Diggers, trucks, drilling rigs and temporary buildings are everywhere - but this is no civilian construction site.

Since 1963, the superpowers have tested nuclear warheads only underground. Planning for a "shot" takes about 14 months. A spot is chosen and then a large hole some nine feet across is sunk from several hundred to more than a thousand feet deep.

At 8.30 every morning, more than 9,000 people start work here. They include scientists, engineers and armed security guards but most are construction workers preparing fresh shafts for upcoming "shots" or "boggles".

A diagnostic cannister, in reality a 200 tonne miniature physics laboratory, is lowered on top of the bomb. About 140 leads run to the "red shack", an advance post close to ground zero and on to the "war room", a control centre in a bath between two mesas near by.

The United States explodes about 15 big nuclear devices every year (up from eight a year in the 1970s) along with perhaps a dozen small battlefield weapons. And the rate is rising.

On test day the site is cleared. Two engineers sitting in the red shack draw numbered counters from a black bag. This generates a six-figure code that is used to activate the "arm enable" sequence in the computer.

Responsibility for the design, development and production of nuclear warheads lies mainly with the US Department of Energy (DoE). Bombs are designed at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The explosion creates a 100ft cavity deep underground and this collapses to generate the slump crater on the surface. The cannister



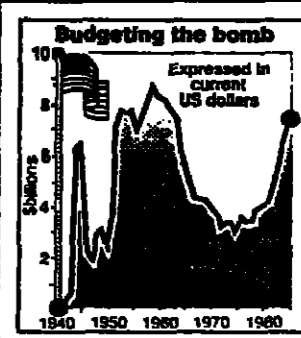
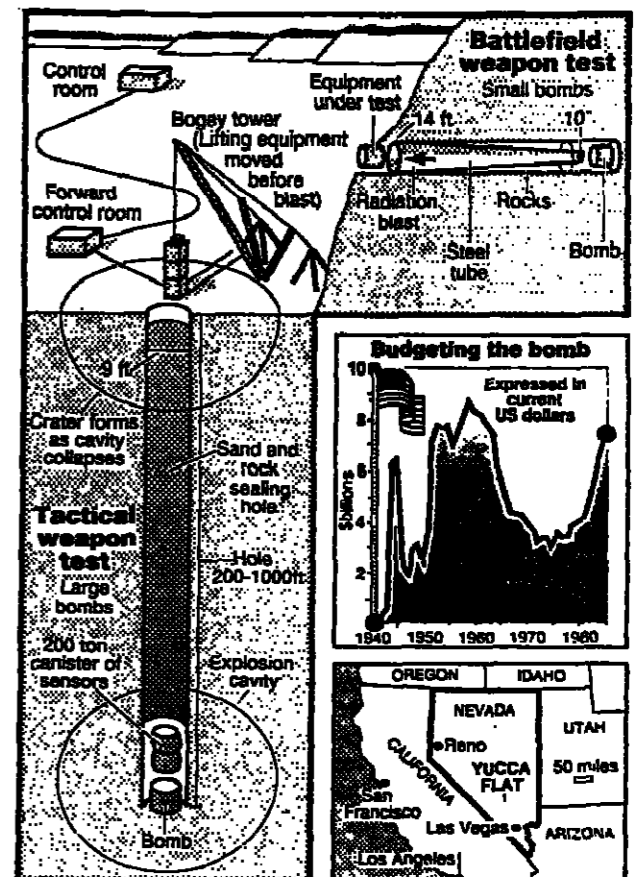
Nuclear state: Nevada outlines the risk of straying into the Yucca Flat testing ground, America's atomic backyard

sensors record the bomb explosion in the few milliseconds of a second before they are destroyed. Gases are snuffed through tubes buried with the cables and the heart of the explosion is drilled to study the chemical traces.

An increasing number of tests involve tunnels driven into Rainier Mesa, overlooking Yucca Flat. Small battlefield bombs are tested in this way, buried except for a tapered steel pipe, 10in across near the bomb but 14ft across at the entrance.

would have little productive research to do. A ban is the wrong way to go. It distracts from the real aim of reducing the stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

Stockpiled nuclear weapons deteriorate like any munitions. The Polaris Mk 1 warhead suffered corrosion of its uranium charge and problems with arming mechanisms.



Detainee release cheers Zapu Harare inches towards unity

From a Correspondent, Harare The sudden release from detention on Monday of 10 prominent Zimbabweans accused of plotting to overthrow the Government has made clear that the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, is serious about concluding long-stalled unity talks between his ruling Zanu party and the Zapu party of the opposition leader, Mr Joshua Nkomo.

UN fear on Cambodia refugees

Bangkok (Reuters) - Countries which have promised to resettle refugees cannot meet Thailand's deadline at the end of the year for moving 26,000 Cambodians out of a camp it wants to close, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Aquino ends sweep after families flee

From Keith Dalton, Manila President Aquino yesterday suspended military operations against Communist rebels in a southern Philippines town in which six civilians have died in the crossfire and from which 1,000 families have fled.

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Sikh kills 13 of family over extremist link

Delhi (AP) - A Sikh man killed 13 members of his family, including eight children, in Uttar Pradesh because they opposed his alleged links with Sikh terrorists.

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SPECTRUM II



THE HARVEST OF SORROW

By Robert Conquest

Part Three: The Cover-Up

Stalin's slaughter of the Soviet peasantry took place under an umbrella of lies so effective that even most Western reporters either could not or would not convey its significance. Others, like Sidney and Beatrice Webb, became apologists. And the terror sent an echo down the years which even today haunts the Kremlin's corridors.



"They had gone over the country like a swarm of locusts and taken away everything edible": carts taking away grain

As silent as the grave

Stalin had a profound grasp of what Hitler approvingly called the Big Lie, and the terror famine with which he killed millions in the Ukraine and other regions in the early 1930s was the first major instance of the exercise of this technique of influencing public opinion. Every effort was made to persuade the West that no famine was taking place, and later that none had taken place.

Even in 1932 it was not feasible to keep all foreigners out of the famine areas, and a number of true accounts reached western Europe and America. In most cases, journalists could not both keep their visas and reveal the facts, although Malcolm Muggeridge, who sent some of his reports *sub rosa* through the British diplomatic bag, reported: "The battlefield is as desolate as in any war and stretches wider... on the one side, millions of starving peasants, their bodies often swollen from lack of food; on the other, soldier members of OGPU carrying out the instructions of the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"They had gone over the country like a swarm of locusts and taken away everything edible; they had shot or exiled thousands of peasants, sometimes whole villages; they had reduced some of the most fertile land in the world to a melancholy desert." In the Soviet Union, no word about the famine was allowed to appear in the Press or elsewhere. People who referred to it were subject to arrest for anti-Soviet propaganda, usually being sentenced to five or more years in labour camps.

In 1933 a soldier serving in Fedosyia in the Crimea received a letter from his wife, describing the deaths of neighbours and their child. The political officer seized the letter and next day had the soldier denounce it as a forgery. The wife and son did not survive. One agronomist, bullied for sending a sick messenger, replied that the whole village was starving. The response was: "There is no starvation in the Soviet Union."

Arthur Koestler, who was in Khar'kov in 1932-33, wrote that it gave him a most unusual feeling to read the local papers, full of pictures of young people smiling under banners and reports of awards to shock-brigades, but "not

one word about the local famine, epidemics, the dying out of whole villages... the enormous land was covered with a blanket of silence."

Outside the Soviet Union, the denials were hot and strong. The Soviet embassy in Washington claimed that the Ukraine's population had increased by 2 per cent per annum during the early 1930s, and that it had the lowest death-rate of any Soviet republic.

Stalin was also abetted by many Westerners who for one reason or another wished to deceive or be deceived. In the huge work - *Soviet Communism: A New Civilization?* by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, which followed their visit to the Soviet Union in 1932 and 1933 - one finds the general hostility to the peasantry matching that of the Bolsheviks. The Webbs wrote of the peasants' "characteristic vices of greed and

DEATH TOLL	
Peasant dead, 1930-37	11 million
Arrested in this period, dying in camps later	3.5 million
Total	14.5 million
Of these:	
Dead as a result of dekulakization	6.5 million
Dead in the 1932-3 famine	
Ukraine	5 million
N. Caucasus	1 million
elsewhere	1 million

cunning, varied by outbursts of drunkenness and recurrent periods of sloth". They also spoke approvingly of turning these backward characters "into public spirited co-operators, working upon a prescribed plan for the common product to be equitably shared among themselves".

In a significant statement at the time, M.M. Khatayevich, a leading Communist, told a party activist: "A ruthless struggle is going on between the peasantry and our regime. It's a struggle to the death. This year was a test of our strength and their endurance. It took a famine to show them who is master here. It has cost millions of lives, but the collective farm system is here to stay. We've won the war."

With the "victory" won, however, Moscow realized that the disastrous agricultural situation could hardly be

allowed to go on indefinitely. In February 1933, a "seed subsidy" was authorized for the next harvest, with 325,000 tons to go to the Ukraine. In the following month the grain collection in the Ukraine was officially halted at last.

The debilitated peasantry were now launched on a new harvest campaign. Neither they nor their surviving horses were capable of hard labour, yet the Ukrainian government called for harder work. The sowing of 1933 was accomplished in various ways. The inadequate local work force was supplemented from outside. Students and others from the towns were "mobilized" to reap the harvest and army squads were sent to help. In one village, where the whole population had either died or left, troops were kept in tents away from the village and told, as others had been, that there had been an epidemic.

The central fact of the whole famine is that the Soviet Union's total grain crop for 1932 was no worse than that of 1931, and was only 12 per cent below the 1926-30 average. It was from famine level, but procurements were up by 44 per cent. There was no way in which local readjustments could have prevented the crisis and the famine; and it can be blamed quite unequivocally on Stalin and the Moscow leadership.

There has never been an official investigation of the rural terror in the Ukraine and neighbouring territories in 1930-33; no statement on the loss of human life has been issued; nor have the archives been opened to independent researchers. Nevertheless, we are in a position to make reasonably sound estimates of the numbers who died.

The casualty rate varied considerably by area and even village, from 10 per cent to 100 per cent. In villages of 3,000 to 4,000 people (Orivka, Smolanka, Hrabivka), fewer than 100 were left.

Nowadays the term "genocide" is often used rhetorically, but it certainly appears that such a charge can be levelled against the Soviet Union for its actions in the Ukraine.

It was Nikolai Bukharin's view that the worst result of the events of 1930-33 was not so much the sufferings of the peasantry, frightful though these were. It was the "deep change in the

psychological outlook of those Communists who participated in this campaign and, instead of going mad, became professional bureaucrats for whom terror was henceforth a normal method of administration, and obedience to any order from above a high virtue", diagnosing "a real dehumanization of the people working in the Soviet apparatus".

The main lesson seems to be that the Communist ideology provided the motivation for an unprecedented massacre of men, women and children, and that this ideology, perhaps a set-piece theory, turned out to be a primitive and schematic approach to matters far too complex for it. Sacrifices of millions of people were made and they were in vain.

The question of whether the present leaders of the Soviet Union would be willing to kill tens of millions of foreigners in a war, or suffer a loss of

The present rulers are heirs of that dreadful history

millions of their own subjects, is sometimes canvassed. The fact that the older leaders were direct accomplices in the actual killing of millions of Ukrainians and others in order to establish the political and social order prescribed by their doctrine, and that the young leaders still justify the procedure, may perhaps be regarded as not without some relevance.

The events which took place in the Soviet Union in the early 1930s cannot be shrugged off as too remote to be of any current significance. So long as they cannot be seriously investigated or discussed in the country where they took place, it is clear that they are in no sense part of the past but a living issue very much to be taken into account when considering the Soviet Union as it is today. The present rulers remain the heirs and accomplices of that dreadful history.

Adapted from *The Harvest of Sorrow*, by Robert Conquest, to be published by Hutchinson on August 28, price £16.95.

When paper can't make people



Work or university? With A level results published, some of the big corporate headhunters explain their attitudes to graduates

No one is ever going to become chairman of a major corporation today without two, perhaps even three, degrees or qualifications: the speaker is Clive Deverell, 44-year-old headhunter for the manufacturing industry, marketing, banking and insurance.

It is a view based upon his experience as a leading recruitment consultant. Yet, it is an attitude which is not necessarily borne out by the beliefs of some of the current heads of industry who still insist that they are more impressed by "the man" than by any formal qualifications.

For the 18-year-old school-leaver it all adds up to an impossible dilemma. Is it better to spend those three valuable years reading for a degree which may have nothing to do with his or her future career or invest the time getting a foothold on the bottom rung of the commercial ladder?

Deverell, a partner with recruitment consultants Bull Thompson, firmly believes that a university education is invaluable in today's competitive job marketplace. "The advantage of a degree is that it proves to employers reasonable intelligence, reasonable drive and interest in long-term careers", he argues.

Without one, long-term futures will undoubtedly be limited.

He also feels that today's employers only regard jobs as "being serious" when they are over the £20,000 a year mark. "They may not be concerned about total performance and total promotability below that so long as the total job is being done in a competent fashion. Where you start using management skills of a conceptual form, you are talking of jobs above that level and that's where the person without a degree would find themselves facing stiff competition and would also find themselves being questioned as to their own intellectual drive capacity."

For the average youngster, the jargon is as daunting as the prospects it portrays, yet even employers occasionally suffer doubts as to the reliability of what some of them regard as the graduate rule-of-thumb.

"The bit I am always uneasy about - and we haven't found a solution to - is that all big companies tend to find themselves milling around competing for the top five per cent of the university output and one has that uneasy feeling that lurking in the next 25 or 50 per cent are all sorts of people who may in the event turn out to be much more practical operators in business than those top five per cent", admits Ronnie Archer, personnel director of Unilever.

"A much higher proportion of able children goes to university now and I wouldn't want to see it otherwise, but I'd always recognise there are a number of people doing relatively dull, undemanding jobs who are actually capable of being directors of public companies. It's merely they have never been tested on the difficult things."

The problem, according to Archer, lies in identifying precisely who these potential directors might be. "In principle, I am absolutely in favour of as wide an entry as one can get - blocking nothing", he says. "In practice, granted a heavy unemployment situation, it is remarkably difficult to devise an organised way of getting in the people who don't come by the usual routes - although one would love to do so."

"A proportion of the top stream are going to go for the City and the rewards in the City at the moment are so high that it is difficult trying to compete with it."

To the young layman confronted by the often bewildering choice of career possibilities underlined by the decision about whether or

not to go to university, it may come as a surprise to discover the extent of the non-graduate opportunities currently to be found within the hallowed square mile of the City.

The profile of the City has changed and so have the customers", says City observer Brian Law, former director of S & W Berisford, the international commodity traders. "Nowadays the market-maker is likely to be more plebeian than patrician. Brokers need something of the smoothness you find in senior advertising executives, all things to all men, good company, gregarious. You feel comfortable with them because if you don't you'll go to someone else."

These are the traders, traditionally the backbone of the City and who, according to Law, are "loyal, hard-working, energetic, able to attract a following, go out and root the business, have the charm -

degree counterparts. The National Westminster Bank, which takes on 150 graduates a year compared to 1,200 A-level entrants, expects at least half of its topmost positions to be occupied by the products of its graduate development plan. "As far as we are concerned the right graduate and the right 'A' level entrant both have very good prospects and compete equally", says Mike Shippam, head of personnel planning. "But just looking at the figures will tell you that the graduates have greater chance of success. But, having said that, there are still a significant number of vacancies on that executive development plan for 'A' or, indeed, better 'O' levels to aspire to. The academic qualification is, of itself, not important but what you tend to see is a marked tendency for the better-educated to be coming through more strongly."



"Without a degree, long-term futures will be limited"

RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT CLIVE DEVERELL

and it may be a rough charm - to get people to trade with them and to get them to take decisions" - none of them characteristics formally taught at university.

"They start young", says Law. "It's a jungle and they have to fight their way up from the back office clerks. If they prove themselves good as traders or at winning client business which is more important than speculating with the firm's capital in most companies, they'll do well. Honesty is important. Education attainment is secondary."

That is the present. The future, however, according to City headhunter, Colin Barry, of Overton Shirley and Barry, is likely to favour the applicant with a degree. His view is that to survive long-term with better communications systems, people are going to have to be better educated.

"When you apply for a great number of jobs these days in middle career, they want a degree and if you haven't got one you are at a great disadvantage. I think that unless someone is exceptionally entrepreneurial he should take up the option of going to university."

Certainly, in the cut-and-thrust world of banking, graduates stand a vastly better chance when it comes to promotion than their non-

The fact that Shippam stresses the need for "people who are clear-thinking leaders" emphasizes the banking industry's subtle bias towards graduates. "Our appraisal system is an entirely overt one", insists Shippam. "Everyone knows exactly what is said about them."

And while that is undoubtedly the case in many organisations these days, it is nonetheless inevitable that non-graduates who fail to make the grade should feel that they are perhaps the victims of academic prejudice.

It is a situation with which Diane Halfpenny, 28-year-old graduate recruitment manager of Courtauld's, is only too familiar. "An A level entrant who has been in the company for four years may often feel, wrongly we think, that graduates get preferential treatment because there is a lot of attention being paid to them", she says.

"Our textiles division, which traditionally took people without degrees, is now tending to look for graduates. But those without them are still reaching manager, general manager status. The board all have degrees but senior management do not."

Alison Miller and Sally Brompton

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Japanese play with Stoppard language

Theatre director Leon Rubin gained an intriguing insight into the problems presented by his most exotic assignment on the day when the Japanese leading lady and Tom Stoppard came to dinner.

Rubin organised the informal *soiree* last month after accepting an offer to direct *The Real Thing*, Stoppard's most recent play, in Japan, in Japanese, by a Japanese company.

An interpreter evidently conveyed the playwright's wry humour with some success, for Kiwako Taichi, star of the Bungaku-za company, was highly amused. But to Rubin's consternation, every time she laughed she discreetly covered her mouth after the Japanese fashion. Not the most appropriate gesture for the adulteress, outspoken Annie.

"That's exactly the kind of key question we'll have to resolve," Rubin admitted. "Do I tell her a western character would never do that, and would I then make her feel awkward and uncomfortable as a Japanese actress? I don't know the answer yet."

Before even contemplating the challenge of presenting a play in a language as incomprehensible to him as advanced nuclear physics, Rubin accepts he will have to come to terms with the different culture. "Apparently they don't overtly discuss relationships in the way the characters in the play do, and Kiwako said she was finding it embarrassing and difficult even to think about playing some scenes."

The proper way to express love in Japan, for example, would be for a lady to glance quickly and then lower her eyes until the man looked away. Alternatively, Miss Taichi suggested that she could signal her affection by mending a hole in his pullover. "So clearly there is a cultural gap to cross," Rubin observed, with some understatement. "But Tom's answer, which I agreed with, was that we still have to deal with these effects, and for the Japanese it will be a strange, exotic, perhaps quizzical play. That should be fine; it's the quality we are looking for, but it's going to be a strange journey."

So what makes a young director with a successful play running in the West End

Theatre audiences in Japan face a puzzling introduction to western humour



Culture shock: Leon Rubin (*Double Double* at the Fortune) and a promising career move to the Bristol Old Vic pending, embark on such a magical mystery tour? "It seemed like fun. I think it was the idea of total immersion in a foreign culture that was so exciting and invigorating."

"Also, it seemed an odd choice of play for a Japanese company. The oddness appealed to me because it is so quintessentially English in its theme and manner, and, of course, so did the language. There are so many puns and plays with words that it intrigues me to know how they will translate, not just in the literary way, but how an

audience will respond to that humour. That's the challenge, to try and assimilate a Japanese cultural eye-view of a western relationship."

After deciding to remain as faithful to the English production as possible, Rubin has already encountered some minor practical problems.

A set design for a scene, which takes place in a train, recently arrived from Japan. "It was just like the interior of one of their modern, high-speed trains, nothing at all like our slow inter-city. So we had to rework it."

Another problem may be repeated references to the radio programme *Desert Island Discs*. Miss Taichi found them unintelligible and Rubin admits he is worried that the humour may be lost on Japanese audiences, who have never heard of it.

"I discussed it with Tom and he pointed out that in the American production, there had been no coming up. He recalled somebody coming up to him in 'New York saying how clever he had been to invent that funny radio programme. One hopes it would work for a Japanese person."

Rubin must take it on trust that the interpreter and bilingual Japanese assistant director have understood the nuances and subtleties of Stoppard's peculiar humour. "The main difficulty will be how to play a line in rehearsal to get the desired effect. There's bound to be a whole different approach, how a Japanese actor would deliver a

line, a look, or a movement, as opposed to an English actor.

A more delicate and potentially embarrassing problem will be Rubin's ignorance of the elaborate codes of courtesy and behaviour. "I think one can easily make mistakes, and say exactly the wrong thing."

Preliminary dealings with the assistant director gave him an insight into the difficulty. "He's been extremely polite, but I've understood that beneath all the courtesy, sometimes he wanted to say he totally disagreed. It takes a long time; you have to be very patient. That's the key to starting work in a Japanese environment."

His latest venture is rare, but not unique. Kim Grant, the director, accepted a similar offer from Japan to stage *The Diary of Anne Frank*, but realised only later that it was to be a rock musical version.

Rubin leaves England at the end of the month for five weeks' rehearsal before the show opens in Tokyo's prestigious Sunshine Theatre. Then it's back to England for his first production as artistic director at Bristol, a musical version of the film *The Blue Angel*.

Presenting irreverent English attitudes to love and marriage in downtown Tokyo will, he admits, be a hard act to follow. "What next? I think Shakespeare in Chinese would be interesting, or maybe Chekhov in Russian..."

Gavin Bell

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Tamil refugees

In "Sharks who offer sanctuary" (Spectrum, August 15), the number of refugees into West Germany - 13,000 in 1985 and 1,875 in 1986 so far - referred to Tamil refugees only. The totals for all refugees entering Germany are 75,000 and 40,000 respectively.

Tomorrow

On the Books page, Enoch Powell reviews the collected works of political economist Thomas Malthus

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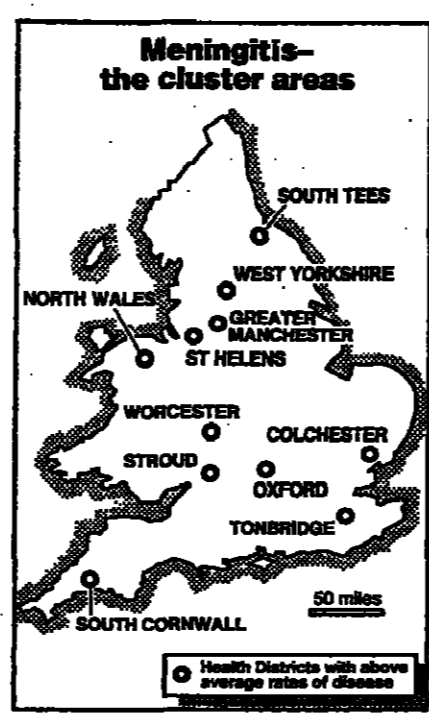
Sister Superior.

WEDNESDAY PAGE

It's not an epidemic. It is serious and I understand the anxiety, but meningitis is rare compared to the risks of other infections

Unlike most detectives on the trail of a mass killer, Dennis Jones knows almost all there is to know about his killer - name, description and methods. The burden that wears him in the midst of a public outcry is the knowledge that neither he nor anyone else can prevent more deaths - at least, not yet.

The bacterium coughing and sneezing. It enters the bloodstream and produces an inflammation of the meninges, the membranes around the brain and spinal cord, and can cause death or disability. Early treatment with antibiotics is highly effective but the onset of symptoms can be frighteningly quick.



become the focus of most attention. In addition, specialists in Norway, Holland, Iceland and the United States are pooling their expertise and offering it to British research teams to help speed the development of a vaccine.

establishment. Scientists there have been offered the vaccine and a wealth of data by colleagues in the United States. A trial of the vaccine is likely to start next year in Norway, where B15 first emerged in the early 1970s.

claims that are being made for it. It may be between one and two years before it can be used. Though much is known about the B15 strain, puzzles remain. Why do outbreaks occur, and recur, in specific parts of the country, while other areas are unscathed?

TALKBACK

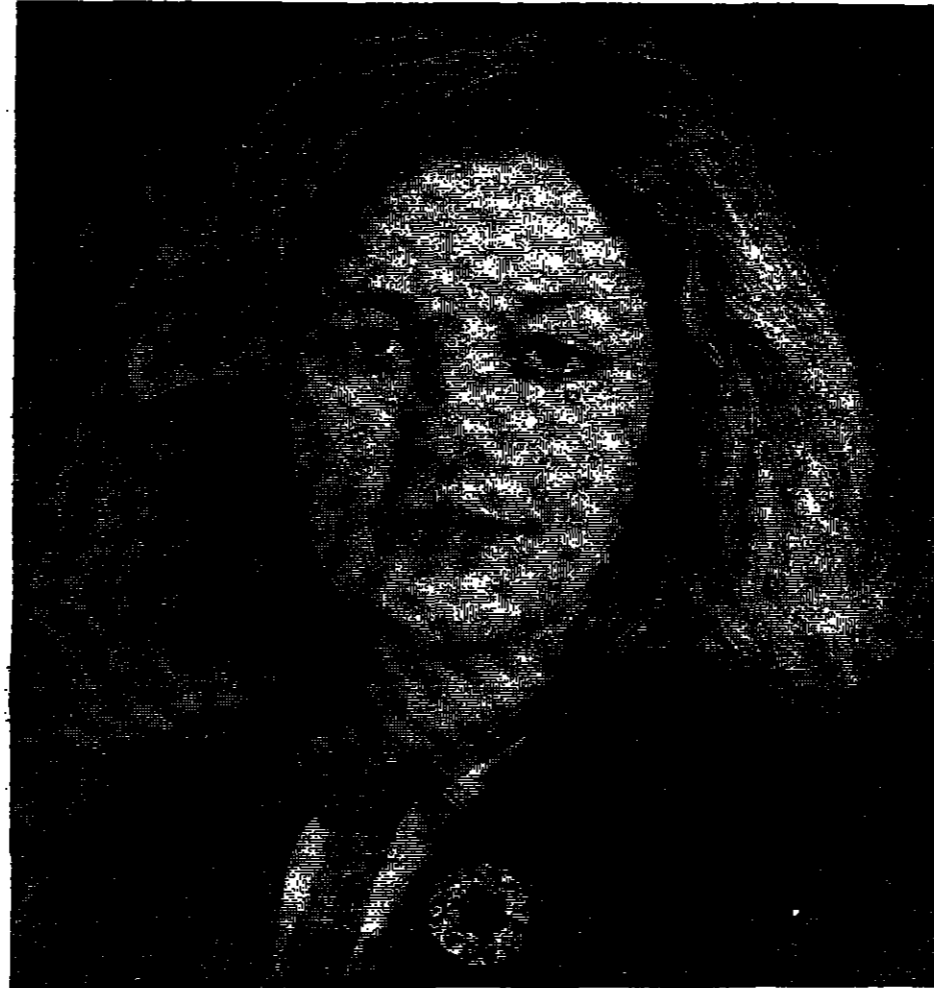
Are the Saudis feminist?

From Sarah Holland, The Gatehouse Cottage, Naworth, Brampton, Cumbria. Dr Germaine Greer (August 15) claims that the Saudis execute adulterous wives because - unlike us - they regard women not as 'passive' but as individuals capable of making informed choices and accepting their destiny, grim as it may seem to us.

Another Fraser books in

The author of a new biography of Emma Hamilton could soon be as famous as her subject if the hype is any guide. Val Hennessy reports

If the name Flora Fraser rings no bells, it soon will. You can take it from an effervescent publishing whiz-kidette called Mary Caulfield that by next month, if everything goes to a meticulously contrived, phenomenally expensive hype-plan, the name Flora Fraser will be tripping off the lips of television presenters, radio reporters, chat-show hosts, magazine readers, and droves of brainwashed biography addicts who will be ransacking shops for Flora Fraser's new biography Beloved Emma - The Life of Emma Lady Hamilton.

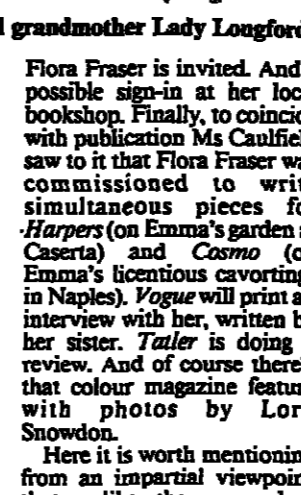


Three generations of biographers: Flora Fraser, her mother Antonia Fraser, top right, and grandmother Lady Longford

the least doubt about whether the world was ready for Flora Fraser, by the time she has done her strategic stuff it certainly will be.

terested. I know they want someone who looks good and is a good talker. They know I won't offer them a dud".

her publicity coup de grace was obtaining a window at Harrods. This didn't cost a penny. For the week of publication, Harrods window will be festooned with those stunning four-colour oval posters, with Beloved Emma showcards with huge blow-up photographs of Flora Fraser, and with a display of model ships, flags, naval uniforms and general Nelsoniana.



All the media exposure doesn't terrify me at all

readable, authoritative, and a sufficiently rip-roaring work to merit Lord Weidenfeld's impulsive financial outlay. As for 27-year-old Flora Fraser herself, she is definitely no "dud". She has all the self-assurance and charm you would expect of the daughter of Antonia Fraser and the granddaughter of Lady Longford.

Just when you thought it was safe ...

If there is anything more boring at dinner than a pair of word processor users moaning about how they lost half a book the night before, it is swimming pool owners who chat the night away about the water balance or the tendency of their holes in the ground to turn green.

From turning hair green to stirring fears of cancer, swimming pool chemicals have a lot to answer for

amounts to large quantities of unfamiliar substances into the pool where my children splash around virtually every day for half the year is beginning to give me the creeps.

a system called Hypocell which uses salt and electrolysis to produce chlorine in the water. The nearest thing to a completely chemical-free system, though, is Tarnpure, which works through silver and copper ions. It has a rival which works on the same principle called Ultimair.

Pool and Allied Trades Association standard work on water and chemicals, which is far too technical and is prefaced by the legend "the inclusion of a product or system in these standards does not imply SPATA approval or a guarantee of efficiency".

MULTIYORK'S SUMMER SALE.

Advertisement for MultiYork's Summer Sale. It features two tables of furniture prices. The first table lists items like 'ARMCHAIR', 'LARGE ARMCHAIR', 'MEDIUM SOFA', 'LARGE SOFA', and 'FOOTSTOOL' with their respective list and sale prices. The second table lists 'SMALL ARMCHAIR', 'LARGE ARMCHAIR', 'VERY LARGE ARMCHAIR', 'MEDIUM SOFA', 'LARGE SOFA', 'EX. LARGE SOFA', and 'FOOTSTOOL' with their respective list and sale prices. The advertisement also includes the company name 'MULTIYORK', address '99-101, PRINCE OF WALES RD., NORWICH', and contact information for sales and showrooms.

THE TIMES DIARY

In-depth defence

Count Nikolai Tolstoy, author of the book which accuses Harold Macmillan of sending 40,000 Cossacks to their deaths in the Soviet Union in 1945, fears that he might now be banned from giving his intended address to the Young Conservatives' annual conference next month. This follows the rumpus yesterday over the Federation of Conservative Students' magazine which restates the allegations. Norman Tebbit objected to the Central Office name and address appearing on the publication and ordered all copies to be destroyed. Tolstoy tells me he is astonished: "The Conservative Party has been very silly. They should be going for discussion, not suppression." He is also annoyed that Monday's BBC television news coverage of the FCS story omitted all mention of him, and is still smarting from the corporation's cancellation of four planned broadcasts earlier this year, based on the book. "The reason the BBC gave was that Macmillan might sue, but I have seen a letter from his grandson saying he has no intention of suing," says Tolstoy.

Hatton hits out

It comes as no surprise to hear that Derek Hatton is not taking his dismissal from his job at Knowsley council lying down. Word reaches me that he plans a two-pronged counter-attack: by appealing against his sacking for non-attendance and, second, by levelling charges of misconduct against his former boss, Alan Pearson, and Charles McGhee, chairman of the disciplinary committee that got rid of him. Local Liberals, meanwhile, are looking forward to the parliamentary by-election in Robert Kilroy-Silk's seat of Knowsley North, where Hatton is said to be roundly loathed. They hope that Knowsley council will reinstate him in time for the Liberals to garner the anti-Militant vote.

Acid vein

A strangely subversive note from the British Council announces that this year's international course on the management of hazardous waste is off because Britain is too dirty. Last year 13 countries, including Denmark, sent representatives, but this year our reputation for airborne export of sulphur dioxide and for beaches tarnished by sewage and nuclear waste has brought "less than gentle mockery" down on the idea that we could teach the world anything in this field. Don't tell the Brazilians, though, for that country has just asked the council to run a hazardous waste seminar in São Paulo in September. To date, three people have applied.

Small print

Genealogist Hugh Peskett does not let the grass grow under his feet. No sooner does Moscow agree compensation for British property and bonds seized during the Bolshevik Revolution than Peskett takes on a White Russian assistant, Tasha Lubetkin. Together - for a fee, naturally - they will help heirs of Britons who lost out 70 years ago to make their claims for a share of the £45 million kitty. Beneficiaries could include relatives of the owners of steam tugs, saw mills, and a parrot living in Moscow during the days that shook the world.

Dear meat

Further fallout from Chernobyl. The Swedish government has just ordered Lapp deer-keepers to kill 35,000 of their animals for fear of contaminated meat. It could be worse: the owners are to be reimbursed at the rate of £145 per deer, the full market value.



BARRY FANTONI

Hurdful

Douglas Hurd's bookish output, like that of his Tory colleague Jeffrey Archer, always strikes me as being more valuable for its aperçus of political life than for intrinsic literary merit. So it is with interest that I read a review of Hurd's latest fiction, *Palace of Enchantments*, by Charles Mosley, London editor of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, in the Young Conservatives' magazine, *New Agenda*. Mosley is less than kind, arguing that the book, which centres around a wretched junior minister, reveals "a mind of scant subtlety and minimal insight". This, says Mosley, would be all right from a leader of the Liberal Party, but not from a putative head of the Conservatives.

PHS

Myths that prop up the Bar

by Sir David Napley

On a recent visit to Ann Arbor University in Michigan I was invited to demonstrate cross-examination in jury trials together with American attorneys - a pursuit denied me in the Crown court in this country. The standard of the cross-examination by the attorneys was equal to, and in some cases exceeded, that found in this country, certainly over the great proportion of the Bar. In similar seminars, and in the courts of Canada, I have found the situation to be little different.

Since there is a fused profession in America, and since in Canada lawyers qualify both as barristers and solicitors and can practise as both, this experience does not support the view - expressed recently by Dr F.A. Mann on this page - that the present methods of training and the division of functions between barristers and solicitors are essential to our adversary system. Nor that if there is to be change, it would become necessary to remodel the legal system as a whole. Nor that the Americans largely engage in what he calls "ineffectual cross-examination".

The existing structure of the Bar rests upon a series of easily exploded myths. The first is that barristers are specialists in their particular field. In fact, on first qualification a barrister is far less legally equipped than a solicitor. Those seeking a legal qualification, whether from abroad or to attain professional status in their employment, opt for the Bar examinations because they are easier to pass and less exacting in preparation. In making the choice, 99 per cent of students have not

the remotest knowledge of what practice of law in either branch requires - the only courts they will have seen are those depicted on television - and in this state of abject ignorance, they nominate themselves to become "specialist" barristers.

The Bar contends, secondly, that it is a profession of specialists in advocacy. There are, of course, a number of barristers who are highly skilled and competent. The remainder, who are denied access to the work and the experience it brings, are certainly not specialists in the sense in which the word is normally understood.

And there can be no other vocation that would have the face to say, as the Bar does, that it must for all time have an exclusive right of audience in the Crown courts as a training ground for its own inexperienced members. It is small consolation to the accused on his way to prison that, although poorly represented, he assisted in training the Bar. (Moreover, to suggest that the bulk of the work in Crown court requires a specialist advocate is like saying a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons is needed to lance a boil.)

Another myth is that the existence of a "specialist" Bar in its present form acts effectively as a sieve and a brake on unnecessary litigation. Since in the higher courts both sides are represented by specialist barristers and only one side can win, it would seem to follow, if the judge's decision is right, that 50 per cent of the

specialist opinions have been wrong.

Judges are alleged, however, to know the members of the Bar and thus to be able to evaluate their worth. If that were ever true, it certainly no longer applies today. With the vast increase in the numbers of practitioners and judges, the latter can recognize only a limited number of the Bar. Only 1 per cent of the proceedings issued ever come to trial in the High Court, and High Court work finds its way to only a very small section of the Bar. So judges get to know only that small number who share the cream of the work.

Myths, alas, abound in the law. It is a myth that only experienced advocates can make efficient judges - as clerks to justices have shown on being appointed stipendiaries, and Chancery barristers when sitting in the Common Law courts. A myth that the quality of the judiciary would be lessened if solicitors with first-class degrees at the universities replaced a very limited number of High Court judges who may have scraped through with a poor second or less. A myth that every contested action needs a specialist, and that many cases need two. A myth that only barristers are specialists, since some solicitors are specialists in particular fields and better at it than barristers.

It is certainly a myth that to be a successful advocate one needs some God-given genius or talent as distinct from training and technique. Many factors have

changed the style of advocacy since the days of Birken, Marshall Hall and Pat Hastings so that today there is not one barrister who could be singled out as a great advocate in that way. And it is, finally, a myth that solicitors who can present cases to a bench of magistrates are ill-equipped to present similar cases to a jury.

Young members of the Law Society have reached a point where they now advocate fusion of the profession. The Green Paper, however, issued by the Law Society's Contentious Business Committee, advocated no such thing. It sought to establish a truly specialist Bar and not one in which the specialists nominated themselves to a status which they could not always justify by qualification or experience. I have been advocating for more than 30 years that all those seeking to embrace the profession should have a common education; that they should then have the opportunity, on qualification, to gain experience over the widest possible field. Then, if they wished to practice as specialists they would have to demonstrate they had acquired specialist skills and possessed the requisite talent and aptitude or, certainly in the long term, undergone specialist training and examination. Ideally an amalgam of these things is desirable. Were this done we would retain a separate Bar with skill, traditions and institutions. But it would be a truly specialist Bar.

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Anver Versi traces the origin of the Arab-Christian troubles in Sudan

Two nations locked in civil war

The shooting down of a civilian aircraft last week with the loss of 60 lives bears witness to the increasing level of hostilities in Sudan's civil war, in which troops loyal to the Khartoum administration led by the prime minister, Sadeq al-Mahdi, are fighting southern-based rebels led by Colonel John Garang.

Garang's Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) was formed three years ago as a reaction to the repressive regime of President Nimeiri, who was ousted in April 1985 and replaced by General Swar al-Dahab. The new leader promised elections within a year and appointed an interim government, but Garang refused to recognize the administration, claiming the largely Arab and Islamic north still dominated, and demanding that the Islamic sharia laws, introduced by Nimeiri in 1983, be repealed immediately and a constitutional conference be held that would take in the views of the Christian, black African south.

Elections were held in April this year. Several political parties contested the elections in the north, but in the south voting was held in only 31 of the 68 constituencies. This, the north, claimed, was a result of the "unrest", a government euphemism for civil war. Turnout was poor, and the People's Progressive Party won most of the southern seats.

The SPLA boycotted the elections and threatened to disrupt proceedings. The southern towns of Torit and Kapoeta were attacked. Bases of Norwegian Church Aid at Hilleu and Plotaka were looted and an official was taken hostage. Meanwhile, the leader of the Ummah party, Sadeq al-Mahdi (grandson of the Mahdi who was defeated by the British at Omdurman) became prime minister of a broad-based coalition government with the Democratic Unionist Party the major partner. Several peace feelers have been sent to Garang since the elections. He and al-Mahdi held talks lasting more than nine hours during the Organization of African Unity summit meeting in Addis Ababa in July, and working parties from both camps are still working on a



Southern rebels on the march in a conflict that shows no sign of slackening

deal in Addis. Garang has asked for a lifting of the state of emergency in the south and a repeal of the sharia laws as a precondition for negotiations. Al-Mahdi wants a cease-fire first and has promised to modify the sharia laws so that they are applicable only in the Muslim north. Garang, however, wants unitary laws to apply equally throughout Sudan and has again demanded a constitutional conference.

The roots of the trouble go much deeper. Sudan is really two nations. The north is largely Arab and Muslim dominated; the south is Christian or animist. During the British occupation the north and south were kept apart - Christian missionaries were discouraged from going to the north and Muslim preachers were forbidden in the south. Most of the political and economic development was concentrated in the north and, at independence 30 years ago, most administrators were northern. The Sudanese legal system was a mixture of English criminal and constitutional law as developed in India, and Islamic civil law.

There is a very strong fundamental Islamic strain in northern Sudan, harking back to the days of the Mahdi. The north sees itself as part of the Islamic and Arab world and looks to Egypt and Saudi Arabia for moral leadership. The northern political parties are rooted in Islamic sects - al-Mahdi is the spiritual head of the Ansar movement, the largest Islamic sect in Sudan.

The question of the sharia law has been a major issue in Sudanese politics since independence.

Muslim intellectuals have called for a reinstatement of the sharia law rather than an introduction of it.

It was thus almost inevitable that immediately after the British departure the south would agitate for a more equal representation in the Sudanese entity. This led to the first civil war and the Anya Nya rebel movement. The south at this time, 1956, was divided into three regions: Equatoria, Upper Nile and Bahr el-Gazal. The main tribes in the regions are the Dinkas and the Nuers.

After 16 years of bitter civil strife, during which an estimated 50,000 people died, Nimeiri got peace through the Addis Ababa agreement of 1972. The south was unified under a southern legislative body, the Higher Executive Council, and granted a measure of autonomy. Tribal tensions, favouritism and corruption, however, soon fuelled tribal tensions and the council disintegrated amid rising violence in the south. Northern control was reimposed on the south and the region was again broken up into its constituent parts.

In the north Nimeiri lost his popular base as food riots and anti-American sentiments polarized the country against him. In an attempt to win a fresh lease of life, he introduced the sharia laws in September 1983. The draconian laws, which resulted in amputations and hangings, mainly of southern people, led to growing unrest in the south and failed to appease the north. Sadeq al-Mahdi strongly criticized Nimeiri's interpretation of Islamic

laws and was jailed for a year. Garang, a colonel in the Sudanese army, defected when he was sent to the south to crush a rebellion. His movement, the SPLA, rapidly increased in strength.

While Nimeiri was in power the rebel movement received its arms largely from Libya, and its support, including bases, from the Mengistu Marxist regime in Ethiopia. The Ethiopian support for the rebels is to offset Khartoum's help to the Eritrean Liberation Organization. Today the situation is radically different. Colonel Gadafi of Libya has withdrawn his support for the SPLA and, according to recent reports, has sent up to 10,000 troops to support the Khartoum army. A recent visit by al-Mahdi to Moscow could well mean that the Russians will reduce their arms assistance to the rebels (most of it through Ethiopia) and might support Khartoum. Ethiopia is likely, however, to give succour to Garang as long as Khartoum supports Eritrea.

Whatever the politics of the war might dictate, however, Khartoum will not burn its boats in the West. Sudan's external debts are £9 billion. The country needs both long and short-term aid to keep afloat and the businessmen in Khartoum are looking to the West for investment.

Sadeq al-Mahdi cannot, at present, more than tinker with the sharia laws if he is to retain the confidence of the north. This means that a quick resolution of the civil war is unlikely.

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Will universities rise to the challenge?

British universities proclaim that they are the best in the world. Perhaps they are. There is certainly much truth in vice-chancellors' claims about the quality of original research, the calibre of their academics and the success of undergraduates.

But little evidence is presented to a sceptical government to justify more spending on a sector of education which has not shown itself to be particularly astute at financial management. Sir Keith Joseph, when Education Secretary, made public his despair at the dearth of hard information to support his - admittedly belated - pleas for more money for the universities. Now Kenneth Baker is trying to tie up a package of reforms to help him in his efforts to win more cash for the universities in the public expenditure round which gets under way next month.

Sir Keith's Cabinet colleagues were so surprised whenever he asked for more money for education that they usually obliged. Baker is not so "dry" on public spending, and his repeated calls for more money may fall on stonier ground. So his "action plan" is a sensible way of nailing down universities' commitment

to reforms which are already in train and so obtain more funds.

Ministers have been presented with the prospect of up to six universities having to close by the end of the decade if funding continues to be eroded at the rate of 1.5 to 2 per cent a year through a failure to compensate for inflation. This warning comes not from militant dons but from Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee. The government will ignore him at its peril.

But, what will it be able to secure from the universities as a *quid pro quo*? The Department of Education and Science wants to see evidence of reform in four areas: academic standards and appraising the performance of lecturers; financial management and monitoring; the preparation of performance indicators by which universities might be judged; and the closure of small or weak departments.

Judging by the report from the vice-chancellors' committee on academic standards, reported in yesterday's *Times*, universities have a long way to go before the government, and the public, can be satisfied that the universities know what they are doing.

The academic standards inquiry, set up after prompting by Sir Keith Joseph, looked at external examining procedures, controls over postgraduate research and appeals by postgraduates against degree results. But it did not address itself to the question of what universities should expect from their students and how these standards were to be judged. The examination boards, by contrast, have made it clear what standards they require from pupils who will be beginning the new GCSE courses this autumn. They have broken down the requirements into such categories as skills, knowledge and perception and are very clear about what level of work deserves what grade.

The vice-chancellors make no mention of what standards should be reached by students who are awarded a first class degree or an upper second, and in relation to what body of knowledge. In his preamble, Professor Philip Reynolds comments rightly that the word "standards" is bedevilled by ambiguities. This seems to absolve the vice-chancellors from considering the fundamental questions at all.

Most universities have little stated or public policy on such

issues. Nor do they have policies on teaching, leaving academics to get on with lectures and tutorials. Unlike the polytechnics, which are watched by the Council for National Academic Awards, universities have considerable freedom, and can put on new courses virtually at whim. One wonders if university academics define what their new courses are intended to achieve. Have they really thought about teaching skills and ways in which students might be assessed?

Civil servants are pressing some radical-sounding ideas on the vice-chancellors in talks on the action plan. Many academics would not take kindly to seeking the views of students on courses and teaching, nor on the idea of a senior member of staff sitting in on the classes of a junior member. The DES is also suggesting that teaching is assessed as part of a programme of staff appraisal and that training should be required.

This is all revolutionary stuff, particularly at a time when dons see themselves as beleaguered and underpaid, unloved and unappreciated. Let us hope that they and Baker can make common cause.

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Education correspondent

Charles Carter
Ulster's other battleground

The Northern Ireland unemployment rate is 21.5 per cent, the worst regional rate in the United Kingdom; and the average figure conceals the existence of much higher rates in parts of the province. Furthermore, seasonally adjusted unemployment, normally strongly affected by what happens in Great Britain, has recently shown a much stiffer increase, and there are further serious redundancies in the pipeline or threatened.

Apart from differences of demography, there are two reasons for this deplorable record. One is the disadvantage of position, on the fringe of Europe, with the prospect of slow sea crossings or expensive air carriage for both freight and passengers. The evidence suggests that these disadvantages are greatly increased by the less tangible psychological effects of remoteness, such as slowness to react to new market opportunities. Government regional policy can properly be expected to help to offset some of these disadvantages of position, and indeed, though clumsy in conception and sluggish in operation, it has had an effect in stopping things getting worse.

But the other reason for the bad record is the image of Northern Ireland as seen by investors and customers in the rest of the world. That image is variously conceived in terms of personal danger, danger to property, the general difficulties caused by communal unrest, and political uncertainty (i.e., the possibility of a transfer of sovereignty). About 95 per cent of the elements in this image have no basis in reality, but even if the image was wholly untrue, it could still greatly harm the economic life of the province.

Unhappily, the government's initiative in the Anglo-Irish agreement, whatever its political or foreign policy virtues, has made things much worse for the economy. The agreement has stimulated new unrest (though this has greatly lessened); it has not had time to be effective in defeating the IRA and the INLA, nor in depriving them of a sufficient degree of support among Catholics. Further, by introducing the novel concept of giving another country a right to be consulted on affairs internal to a part of the United Kingdom, it has created political uncertainty.

It is really no use trying to explain to a Japanese businessman that the province remains inalienably British as long as a majority of its inhabitants so desire; it is much easier for him to suppose that the perfidious British have taken the first step towards a change in sovereignty (which,

indeed, most people in Britain might welcome). It is not surprising that inward investment, despite all the inducements offered, is virtually at a standstill.

The government of course has the answer that, if the agreement had been welcomed by the majority, which it unaccountably failed to consult, these consequences would have been much less. That is not a very good answer, since it was perfectly obvious that the agreement would give profound offence to the majority community. It is in this context, therefore, that the Northern Ireland Economic Council (a body representing employers and unions which advises the government on economic policy) has urged the need for some immediate and substantial offsetting action, to limit damage and prevent a rise in unemployment to a level which further stimulated social unrest and violence.

This involves extra spending, but also, in the exceptional situation which the government has itself created, emergency action. The economic council suggests the restoration of cuts in the housing programme and bringing forward other major construction projects (the construction industry is particularly depressed). It suggests that, since electricity in the province is mostly derived from oil, its price - which is pegged to the London level - could be substantially reduced; that a sort of "insurance" against loss caused by unrest might be offered to outside investors; that incentives should be reviewed and marketing aid stepped up; and that a higher proportion of government orders should be routed to Northern Ireland firms.

On the last of these, there has been the welcome example of the award of a naval order to the Harland and Wolff yard, for which the Northern Ireland Secretary, Tom King, as well as the yard, should be congratulated. But otherwise reaction has been predictably cautious, amounting to little more than a promise to think about redeploying under-spending in the budget (e.g., that caused by not having much inward investment to maximize).

Many responsible people in the province feel that the government has allowed itself to assume a quite unacceptable risk and that, if nothing is done, there could be a spiral of further depression and violence until Ulster really does become ungovernable except by a massive military effort, which would consume even greater amounts of public resources.

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Such a shlep this spelling out

Earlier this year I wrote a piece about klezmer music, a wild kind of Jewish folk music that I had never come across before, as played by a band called the Klezmerim, of whom I had never heard either. Thanks to those tireless readers who hate to see anyone wallowing in ignorance, I am now fairly clued-up on klezmer music and other aspects of Yiddish culture. In fact, there is an all-day festival of Yiddish culture at the Purcell Room on the South Bank this Sunday which features the Klezmerim on their first visit to Britain.

Klezmer music doesn't usually sound like jazz, even if it has roughly the same approach. But occasionally they do sound uncannily similar, one of my favourite old Benny Goodman records is a mid-1930s performance of "And the Angels Sing", with a bravura trumpet solo by Ziggy Elman. I didn't realize, until I heard a 1985 klezmer record containing the same tune, that the music was all stolen by Benny and Ziggy straight from the Jewish storehouse of musical themes, but I suppose that as they were both good Jewish boys, that's all right.

I have to be careful here about the distinction between Jewish and Yiddish. Jewish means everything from the Old Testament to Israel's latest entry in the Eurovision Song Contest; Yiddish refers specifically to the East European small town culture which led to the creation of the Yiddish tongue last century and put all those words like nudnik and schlemiel in S.J. Perelman's writings which I could never understand as a lad. It's odd that Yiddish culture seems to have implanted itself much better in America than in Britain; most of the Yiddish words that have come into common usage have an American flavour to English ears.

What I can never quite understand is how Yiddish is always claimed to be a separate language. The handiest guide to Yiddish that I know is an American book by Arthur Naiman called *Every Guy's Guide to Common Jewish Expressions*, and Naiman illustrates his subject right at the beginning by telling a Jewish joke. It's about a vampire which invades a princess's castle bedroom and creeps across the room towards her, fangs dripping. The princess wakes, shrieks, and holds up a silver crucifix. The vampire smiles and says: "Svet gorisht helfen".

If you're not Jewish, says Naiman, you will feel a helpless outsider for not understanding the punchline. Nonsense, say I; a

simple knowledge of German will tell you at once that it means "It won't be any help" (Es wird gar nicht helfen) because most Yiddish phrases, like the word Yiddish itself, are German ones pronounced slightly differently. There is very little Hebrew in Yiddish. The Americans like using the word shlep, for example, to mean "drag around", but how this differs importantly from the German word "schleppen" (to drag around) beats me.

The difference between German and Yiddish, I think, is all in the overtones and assumptions, rather than the words. It is often said that Jewish humorous anecdotes are the only ones in the world that end with a question. By the same token, German funny stories are the only ones that end with an explanation of the joke you had just heard. I have a paperback of Jewish funny stories published in Germany, by a German, in about 1960, and put out perhaps as a sort of late war reparation to the Jews. The most notable thing about the stories is that they tend to go on longer than anyone Jewish or English would tell them, past the actual punchline, so that the German listener actually gets the point in each joke. German words are there to do a job and do it efficiently; Yiddish words, even if ostensibly the same words, always seem to have a shrug, a wink, a lot unsoken behind them.

Recently I heard Ronnie Scott telling a new Jewish joke, and if it was new to him, it may well have been new. It was about two shipwrecked Jews who were finally rescued from their island years later. The rescue party couldn't help noticing that on this otherwise deserted island the two men had built not one, but two synagogues.

"Why the second synagogue?" asked the rescuers. The Jews looked at it askance.

"That's the one we don't go to," they said. I think that's funny, and find it hard to say why - once you start to try to explain the network of Jewish snobbery, or comparative religion, indeed once you start explaining a joke, you start sinking. I would find it even harder to say why that joke is peculiarly Jewish, or even Yiddish, though I'm sure it is. Recently I read a history of the Jewish joke by Chaim Ben-Zur, and I can't say I was much wiser at the end than at the beginning for all his explanations. Maybe what I need now is a festival of Jewish jokes at the Purcell Room, where people just tell jokes and nobody tries to explain them.



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A BALANCE OF DISADVANTAGE

In extending the Soviet Union's unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests until the end of the year, as he did on Monday, Mr Gorbachov was playing to his international audience. It was, as United States spokesmen were quick to note, a propaganda ploy, and an obvious one. But it should not on that account be underestimated.

When Moscow first announced its moratorium just over a year ago, it was met with a wave of goodwill around the world. From Europe to China, governments and parties with diverse sympathies hailed it as an appropriate and thoroughly praiseworthy way of commemorating the anniversary of Hiroshima. Scant consideration was given to how cheaply the Soviet Union had bought such political advantage: the Soviet testing programme was complete; the American one still in progress.

And the test ban, reinforced by successive extensions, has had an effect. The strength and depth of that effect became apparent only last week when the US House of Representatives voted to ban all but the least powerful nuclear tests planned for next year so long as the Soviet ban was still in force. As a policy statement it is unlikely to receive further endorsement, least of all the approval of the President. As a reflection of a changed mood among Americans — those same Americans who had been so dismissive of Mr Gorbachov's initial announcement a year ago — it is a salutary reminder that propaganda ploys used often enough and consistently enough have their advantages.

But it was not only a propaganda ploy. And the Soviet leader's television address was not only, indeed not primarily, intended for foreign consumption. There are other means — international press conferences, official announcements and magazine interviews — the Soviet propaganda machine likes to employ for that purpose.

No, Mr Gorbachov's message was addressed above all to his fellow countrymen some of whom were perhaps concerned that their leader was prepared to sacrifice too much to place relations with the United

States on a more amicable footing. And the long and painstaking justification he gave for his decision illustrated the difficulties any leader, and not only the leader of what is still a very closed and uniform society, has in prosecuting his policies.

For Mr Gorbachov's moratorium, while avowedly an international success, was in some respects a liability at home. Not for its first four months, perhaps, when the domestic economy was such a priority; nor yet after its third renewal when the Chernobyl disaster had been used by Soviet leaders to demonstrate the dire effects of nuclear technology unleashed. But as the months went by and the American tests continued, the moratorium was bound to arouse criticism.

Some of that criticism surfaced in Mr Gorbachov's address, which carefully balanced attacks on the United States with a defence of the moratorium. It had paid off internationally, the Soviet leader said. It did not jeopardize Soviet security; if there came a point when it did, the testing programme could be swiftly revived. Soviet security interests were paramount. To extend the moratorium was no expression of weakness, rather it was a reflection of the Soviet Union's sense of responsibility for the preservation of peace. And if the United States went ahead with its Strategic Defence Initiative regardless? Moscow would have its own, undefined, alternative.

Declaring a unilateral moratorium was always going to be easier than rescinding it without a US response. The first action could be interpreted as that of a peacemaker, the second would be interpreted as a reversion to war-mongering and negate all the benefit. To that extent the initial declaration was a risk. It was also a risk in relations between the military and civilian sectors of the Soviet hierarchy. If the American administration could argue cogently on military grounds that a cessation of tests would damage national security, then so could the Soviet top brass.

Nonetheless, this was a risk

the Soviet leadership must have calculated. It may even — to judge by Mr Gorbachov's polemic and his insistence on the collectivity of the decision — have been subjected to keen debate in the Kremlin. And here economic as well as political realities will have played their part.

Recent Western analyses have suggested that the Soviet Union is facing a reduction of 30 per cent or more in its hard currency revenue this year solely as a result of the fall in world oil prices. Even greatly increased sales of gold and other goods would be unable to compensate for this fall, and Western currency movements could increase the loss by half again. Nor would a dramatic rise in oil prices necessarily help because of the delayed pricing mechanism Moscow applies to its oil sales to the East European countries.

Such an unpredicted shortfall in revenue is likely to handicap Soviet modernization plans so long as the Soviet Union is not self-sufficient in either food or technology. Some believe it will force — indeed, may already have forced — harsh choices on the Kremlin, choices between maintaining military development at its present level and fulfilling promises about living standards made in the current five-year plan.

It is not that past Soviet administrations have been reluctant to leave such promises unfulfilled, but rather that the Gorbachov leadership, more than any before it, has equated the greater contentment of the people — the "human factor" — with the image of the communist system as a whole.

This was a dangerous course to take, and one which may already have forced the Kremlin into compromises, of which the extended moratorium on nuclear testing, its more flexible approach to verification and its latest initiative on inspection of military manoeuvres are only isolated examples. This much Mr Gorbachov has been able to deliver, but not — to judge by his television address — without opposition. How much more is his to offer must now be open to question.

DANGER: MICE AT PLAY

The Conservative cats are away — in Tuscany, in France, in Dulwich. Serious political infighting has finally ceased for the Summer holidays. Hence the Conservative mice are at play — the one side distributing illiterate publications in which a distinguished former Conservative Prime Minister is branded as a war criminal, the other side being forced to the embarrassing extent of a court injunction to halt publication.

On one level, the internal Tory row over *New Agenda*, the magazine of the Federation of Conservative Students, is a classic silly season escapade. There is something faintly absurd about an official Conservative Party journal (in which the name of Mr Leon Brittan, amongst others, is consistently misspelled) being stripped of its Conservative Party markings and confiscated through court action initiated by the holidaying party chairman.

It is, at best, low farce which reflects well neither on the FCS, whose magazine editor Mr Harry Phibbs broke Party rules by failing to have his copy approved by Central Office, nor on the Central Office machine itself, which, knowing the unreliable track record of the FCS, could surely have done more to discover what was being concealed from it.

Once the magazine had entered the public domain, however, the Tories had little option but to restrict its

publication as much as they possibly could. After all, Mr Phibbs, a vigorous young publicity-seeker, had refused to obey his elders' instructions that the issue be withdrawn.

In the past such offenders could be taken behind the traditional Conservative arras and given a good talking. Such experiences were almost a training session for later life under the Whips. Alternatively, the matter could normally have been allowed to drop with the weary shrug that student politics is, well, student politics. Remember the time when the Secretary of State for X let off a fire extinguisher at the Monday Club rally in 1957, ho, ho, and so on.

This case, however, cannot be dismissed as just another student rag in political disguise. The subject in question was the allegation in Count Nikolai Tolstoy's recent book, *The Minister and the Massacres*, that then Mr Harold Macmillan was responsible for the deaths of 40,000 Cossacks, handed over to the Soviet Union and promptly massacred, as a result of post-war bargaining between the allies.

In *New Agenda* the attribution of this responsibility went far beyond the careful weighing of historical evidence. A verdict of "Guilty" was pronounced in true blue capital letters on the cover. The relationship between the wartime allies in the latter stages of the Second World War has

not yet been fully explored, and Mr Tolstoy's book about Anglo-Soviet agreements (on which the offending feature article was based) interview is only one contribution.

These are matters for historians. It is undignified and worse that they should be exploited for the purposes of scandal mongering in a student magazine, published with the imprimatur of Lord Stockton's party and accompanied by a recommendation that he be stripped of the Tory whip if he failed to give a reply satisfactory to Mr Phibbs.

There are certain now to be renewed calls for the suspension of the FCS similar to those that followed the violence at its annual conference at Loughborough University last year. That would probably be a mistake. Tory students tend to divide into the ultra-wet and the ultra-dry. There ought to be as much room for the FCS students who believe in the legalization of incest and the privatisation of nuclear weapons as for the rival Young Conservatives who believe in limitless welfare budgets and the promotion of Peter Walker.

But if the FCS is to enjoy the Tory Party's protection and patronage, it will have to keep within the party rules. Accordingly, the FCS ought to ask itself if Mr Phibbs has obeyed its own rules — and Central Office should ask whether the FCS needs a more attentive watchdog.

The Trustee Savings Banks belong to her Majesty the Queen. Yours faithfully, ANDREW GILCHRIST, Arthur's Crags, Hazelbank, By Lanark.

Awful warning
From Mr E. F. Northcote
Sir, "Toxic" is a much better word than "poison" (letter, August 18). It is shorter and it includes an "x" for the benefit of Scrabble players. Yours faithfully, EDWARD F. NORTHCOTE, Flat 22, 12a, Cambalt Road, SW15, August 18.

A case for delay

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist
Sir, May I suggest that you are over-hasty in condemning Mr Ian Stewart's distinction between the State, the Crown and the Government as "inappropriate and inadequate" (leading article, August 13).

Under the British Constitution the Government is a political mechanism with the duty of handling the day-to-day business of the country; and the Crown is the name for a kind of repository or holding company for the prop-

erty which the Government makes use of in carrying out its duties. So far so good, as any competent constitutional lawyer will confirm.

To define "the State" is less easy, but fortunately it is unnecessary. In the British State the ultimate and irreplaceable source of political power and of title to property is the Monarchy, so that after making all necessary deductions in respect of the Government, the Crown and (perhaps) the Church of England, there is clearly one single institution unquestionably marked out as being (to take a legal analogy) in the position of residuary legatee.

Philosophy as end or adjunct

From Mr Tom Cross

Sir, Professor Ayer's letter (August 12) on what he sees as a threat to the study of philosophy projects a natural concern at the decline of the discipline but fails to examine why this should be so.

He continues to hold firmly to the view that it is essentially a critical activity operating within an empiricist framework, which quite logically leads to its being seen as an adjunct or aid to other disciplines. As a form of intellectual grammar it has, therefore, no identity of its own and cannot itself make any contribution to the sum of human knowledge.

Traditionally, philosophy was seen as the derivative line of human thought from which particular lines of enquiry could develop and be pursued with a factual rigour which would establish their truth and extend man's knowledge of both the world and the larger cosmos.

In its adherence to positivism, a singular promotion of Professor Ayer, it has abandoned this function and left such enquiry as there is into ultimate reality to what is assumed to be the competence of specialist disciplines. They, lacking an holistic view, spend their time usefully refining their areas of interest but fail to forge ahead into the literally unknown which was once the principal concern of philosophers.

If philosophy is to endure and grow as an academic study it must from time to time re-examine its roots and be clear as to the direction it is taking. There are many who would argue that in the history of philosophy there is evidence of a rhythmic movement in human thought from the speculative to the critically sceptical and back again to speculation.

Philosophy's present difficulties are to be seen in its failure to

observe where the pendulum stands.

Yours faithfully, TOM CROSS, 19 Higher Heyes Drive, Kingsley, via Warrington, Cheshire.

From Dr Robert Beazer

Sir, Your correspondent, Professor Sir Alfred Ayer (August 12), is surely right in rejecting the belief that philosophical enquiry is a luxury which cannot be put to practical use. One important application could be in the teaching of medical ethics. It would be encouraging to think that in future there might be provision for the extension of philosophy teaching into the medical curriculum.

Increasingly doctors are asked to make sophisticated moral judgements for which their training does not equip them. The problems arising from the Warnock report, the Gillick judgement, the issue of euthanasia and public discussion about the fair allocation of health care resources amongst others put a heavy responsibility on the individual judgement of doctors. They rarely feel adequate to cope.

Having taken a degree in philosophy before reading medicine I have become involved in teaching medical ethics to young doctors training in the Oxford region for a career in general practice. They feel the subject is important, difficult and inadequately covered in their undergraduate years.

This is an unhappy omission if the exchange rate restores some competitiveness but import inflation is generated, real incomes fall and unions demand even higher nominal wages and the whole destabilising process continues, with governments having to implement fiscal and monetary action usually inimical to employment and economic growth.

It is true that more dynamic management, improved marketing, more innovative product development, better product reliability and delivery, a more efficient infrastructure and an educational system more attuned to business and technical training are all critical if Britain is to

achieve the prosperity of Germany and Japan. But since we are behind those countries in these aspects we cannot expect to receive the equivalent real incomes; we must maintain our wage levels within the boundaries of our labour productivity, otherwise unemployment will persist and even worsen.

The exchange rate adjusts to provide us with the real wage our productive competitiveness warrants at any particular level of employment. Attempts to achieve higher real incomes through wage pressure inhibit our competitive position and create a destabilising economic climate hostile to employment.

Yours faithfully, G. V. LAWRENCE, Richmond College, Spinkhill Drive, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, August 11.

Short shrift

From Miss Judith M. Burnell
Sir, Date: August 14, 1986. 08.37 — British Rail regrets the Victoria service from Orpington has been cancelled. Reason: shortage of staff. 09.30 — office post not arrived; enquiries to sorting office. Reason: shortage of staff. 12.30 — Westminster Underground station. London Transport regrets that passengers may experience delays on the District and Circle lines. Reason: shortage of staff. 15.00 — enquiries to Gas Board as to why last quarter's bill was estimated; "We now only read meters twice a year". Reason: shortage of staff. 17.20 — British Rail regrets the Orpington service has been cancelled. Reason: shortage of staff. 18.30 — *The Six O'clock News* from the BBC: "And now for a round-up of today's headlines... unemployment has reached a new record level..."

Yours faithfully, JUDITH BURNELL, 104 College Road, Bromley, Kent, August 15.

Gilded cage

From Mr Philip M. Correll
Sir, I hesitate to introduce a serious note regarding the legacy of £5,000 to a parrot (Fourth Leader, August 16) but I would point out that the bequest would doubtless fall as the bird would be unable to give the executor a valid receipt for the money.

It is more usual for a weekly sum to be left by will, for the lifetime of an animal, to its appointed custodian. In some cases however executors have been known to entertain suspicions when animals thus favoured apparently achieve extraordinary feats of longevity. Yours faithfully, PHILIP M. CORRELL, 4 Maidenhead Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, August 16.

New passport

From Mr John Temple-Smith
Sir, Mr Miles Cato (August 14) must clearly be one of those fortunate holidaymakers who can take a personal secretary with them on their travels, thus relieving them of the need to carry a passport on their person.

Speaking as a lesser (but no less liege) subject of her Majesty, I have no love for the present passport. How often, lying back on my mattress on the sun-drenched Riviera, have I cursed the ob-

durate, unyielding square of paste-board making its presence felt in the hip-pocket of my lightweight trousers. How often have I envied US tourists their pliant, plastic-covered passports, snugly conforming to the curves of the body.

If the EEC brings us pitiable passports more power to it. Yours faithfully, JOHN TEMPLE-SMITH, Jeffersons, Hempton, Deddington, Oxfordshire, August 15.

True and false wage effects

From Mr G. V. Lawrence
Sir, Alec Nove, in his article, "Low wages don't work" (August 8), is correct when he comments upon the lowness of British wages when compared to our more successful competitors, but he is confusing cause and effect when he infers that high wages are not a strong contributory cause of unemployment.

German and Japanese labour have consistently been less demanding in the frequency, and especially the magnitude, of their wage demands and in fact in nominal terms UK wages have risen at a much higher rate than those of our rivals.

Professor Nove touched on the core of the problem in observing that sterling has depreciated whilst the mark and yen have appreciated, but he failed to draw the valid conclusion. In pressing for higher nominal wages, British labour has ended up with lower real wages. It has also, as a result, suffered more unemployment and higher inflation; the divergence of our respective exchange rates has seen to that.

Higher nominal wage pressure vis-à-vis our rivals has led to cost inflation, lower competitiveness, balance of payments deficits, pressure on the exchange rate, government countervailing action in raising interest rates, and possible fiscal contraction.

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AUGUST 20 1917

Our Special Correspondent was Hubert Walter.

THE COUNTRY OF GOOD WORKS.

SWITZERLAND'S PART IN THE WAR.
(From Our Special Correspondent.)

ZURICH.

With the exception of one or two hard moments, the history of Switzerland during the war has for the outer world been uneventful. Blessed beyond words by having been spared the armed violence of the enemy, she has from the first devoted herself, while mobilizing her army against any possible invader, to offering her thanks to Heaven and maintaining her traditional attitude among the nations by doing good to the unhappy and innocent victims whom the fortune of war brings within her reach. I am not speaking here of the interned prisoners, now nearly 30,000 in number, to whom she affords the highest of care in her health-giving air. It is to the unofficial good works of the Swiss people in regard to the homeless civilians and broken soldiers passing through on the way back to their own countries that I would draw attention to-day.

The number of French civilians from devastated districts who have returned through Switzerland to France up to the present exceeds 250,000. Day after day the trains come through. I have just witnessed the arrival of the 47th. And day after day since the tide of miserable humanity began to flow, at all the stations on the way — at Schaffhausen, Zurich, Bern, Lucerne, Geneva, and wherever else the train stops — and at any one of the day or night of crowd of Swiss people have met those trains and done their best, by food and gifts and cheering words and singing, to express their sympathy with the passers. In the early days this spontaneous outpouring of loving-kindness, from lack of experience and organization, and from the very warmth of feeling which inspired it, tended to be not only overwhelming to the recipients, but extravagant. Now, though the warmth of feeling remains — some men (and very busy ones) and many ladies have not failed to meet a single train — the organization is perfect, and the systematic relief of the *rapatriés*, civil and military, has become a disciplined habit. I have seen several trains stop at stations and have marvelled at the sympathetic faces of the spectators, who have witnessed the scene so many times that at first one might expect to find them to have become indifferent. But the zeal with which the authorized workers distribute coffee, soup, tobacco, and chocolate, and the school children sing their hymns of hope and patriotism, remains unabated, and those who have no active work to do can at least raise encouraging cheers. Nor must we forget the devoted ladies who accompany the trains all the way.

A "CHEERFUL" TRAIN

The incident which happens nearly every day of the week at Zurich station seems to me one of the most pathetic that I have met during the war. I do not meet readily, but on this occasion I was on the verge of breaking down twice, and there were more wet eyes on that railway platform than I have ever seen at a funeral. And this, it seems, was a particularly "cheerful" train. Its freight this day consisted of 100 men, 250 women, 75 children, 40 babies under four, and four dogs. Their homes, of course, have long ceased to exist. But they have not lost everything they possessed. When, after the train had been emptied and disinfected, I walked through the carriages I saw in the luggage racks all that remained to them after the Germans had done with them. Over each seat was a small bundle containing a rug or blanket, something that the refugees had felt could simply not be left behind. Sometimes it was a clock, often a broken toy; one grandmother had brought merely the six umbrellas of the family. Not all the passengers were able to alight. The oldest woman that I saw was 93. But in the previous train there had been one of 98, who confidently asserted her intention of living yet two more years, in order that she might see the final destruction of the Boche, who has robbed her of all she had in the world.

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THE ARTS

Television
Who to blame?

The most important piece to cover was the victim's head...
No One Speaks for the Dead...
This well-researched if rather tedious documentary interviewed those witnesses, who earnestly described the victims as kind-hearted, generous, compassionate...
For fun, one had to turn to the last of the current Max Jandroom Show...
Martin Cropper

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL
Cinema: David Robinson

Revelation from China

The big revelation of the Edinburgh International Film Festival...
Like Yellow Earth, both Jianzhong Huang's A Girl of Good Family and Nuanxin Zhang's Sacrificed Youth treat the lives of remote communities...
Set in 1948, A Girl of Good Family is the story of a young woman sold in marriage...
There are comparable qualities in Sacrificed Youth, the work of woman director...
Arriving in a Dai village wearing the

drab cotton suit which was the Party-approved uniform of those times...
These films provide the rare thrill of discovering a new society and the private sentiments of the people within it...
America's independent film-makers, always strongly represented in Edinburgh, seem currently to be compensating for the commercial cinema's preoccupation with action fantasies...
Bill Sherwood's Parting Glances, which opens soon in London, is a good-looking, well-made and sophisticated low-budget feature with resonances a lot larger than its immediate subject...
Working in association with the National Film Archive, Edinburgh has made a genuine historical rediscovery in Bernard Vorhaus, who was interviewed at length about his career by Geoff Brown on this page last week...
The half-dozen films already unearthed by the NFA show that the admiration of David Lean—who first

reminDED the world of Vorhaus's existence—is not misplaced. His modest British thrillers, with titles like Crime on the Hill, Dusty Ermine and The Last Journey, reveal a distinguished talent. Vorhaus was far ahead of his contemporaries in his bold use of locations...
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A study in durable relationships: the gentle cold shoulder from Richard Ganoung (left) for the boy (Adam Nathan) who tries to break into the central affair of Parting Glances

Opera: John Higgins

Queen of Spades King's Theatre

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Dance: John Percival

Sleeping Beauty Playhouse

Some credit is due to Frank Dunlop for looking off the beaten track for a company to bring The Sleeping Beauty to this year's Edinburgh Festival...
The production of The Sleeping Beauty is new, premiered in April. Piotr Gusev, who staged it, has impeccable credentials...
The worst thing that can happen to a writer has just happened to Nicholas Mosley. It is the kind of disaster, as he puts it, that you simply cannot believe will ever happen to you...
What is lost is part of the fourth book in an immense inter-related work, which volume three, Judith, has just appeared...
Mosley entered the world of his quartet, and what he calls being "obsessed by the way actors transform themselves by little acts", through the film business...
If crispness was the predominant characteristic of this playing, in Ravel's introduction and Allegro a slightly larger team, spearheaded by the controlled elegance and virtuosity of Helen Tunstall's harp-playing, aimed for unusual clarity...
Stephen Pettitt

membered as an Aurora of rare quality with the Kirov Ballet...
So the set dances are given in authentic versions and, where they sometimes differ in detail from those familiar in British productions, it is not necessarily we who are right...
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Caroline Moorehead meets Nicholas Mosley (right), whose novel Judith, third in a vast series of four, has recently been published

Life as a likeable concern

needed to write lots of novels to say what was going on...
As the novels grew, and spread, he went on trying to express something he says he finds extremely hard to explain, but which goes something like this: only some things, like death, betrayal and drama, make good stories; ordinary life, simply carrying on, is boring...
And have people understood? Mosley, who is a tall, thin man, who stands with his shoulders hunched up, like a watchful bird, and of whom a friend once said that his struggle for complete intellectual honesty made him "almost a saint", laughs: "Ah no. No one understands what I'm on about at all...
The sequence of novels, produced quickly, for Mosley works hard, writing, rewriting, all day, most days, was broken in the early 1980s by two



When I was younger I'd been scared of him. But I came to see at a moment when he was interested in writing, and I was very close to him all the time he was in jail, and just afterwards, when we didn't talk about politics...
Nicholas Mosley himself has inherited the barony of Ravensdale from his aunt Irene: "And so for a time I went to the House of Lords and called myself a Liberal peer and did the stuff up to a point...
Neither politics nor filmmaking, then, but a return to what has proved an extremely satisfying balance between fiction and non-fiction, broken by long hikes across Hampstead, where he lives, gardening, and family holidays with five children and six grandchildren in Majorca where, 12 years ago, he bought a derelict farmhouse...
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Promenade Concert

BBCSO/Atherton Albert Hall/Radio 3

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Ban on animal growth hormone

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The practice of giving hormones to farm animals to stimulate growth is to be banned because of anxiety over residues which could be absorbed by consumers.

The decision to stop the use of so-called "growth promoters", which have been used for more than 10 years, was taken by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in spite of intense opposition from some farmers.

The ban, which comes into force at the end of this year, brings Britain into line with the rest of the EEC.

The European Commission prohibited the addition of growth hormones to animal feeds, or the implantation of slow-release hormone capsules, after concern that some synthetic preparations in use in Italy for veal production were linked with cancer.

The Government has decided to adopt the EEC measure because advisers to the Ministry of Agriculture believe Britain would lose a £400 million export trade in meat and meat products to other EEC countries.

Previous British delegations, led by Mr Jopling and supported by the National Farmers' Union, insisted that the EEC ban could not be implemented in time. Britain was given special dispensation until the end of 1987.

According to the Meat and Livestock Commission, the cost to farmers without growth hormones would be a loss of up to 7p a kilo live weight on steers. There is also concern that non-EEC meat producers would have an unfair advantage because they are not subject to the ban.

An NFU spokesman said yesterday that it supported the decision to implement the ban because of the threat of UK beef exports to Europe.

He said detailed NFU research had concluded that there was no scientific evidence to support the theory that hormones were harmful.

Prickly problem for hedgehog island



Dr Kevin Woodbridge, a GP on North Ronaldsay in the Orkneys, with some hedgehogs he is helping to airlift to the mainland because they are threatening the island's birds by eating too many eggs. It is hoped the creatures will be found homes. (Photograph: Tom Kidd)

Man killed in London blast

By a Staff Reporter

A man was killed and 11 people injured when an explosion blew out the front of an Iranian newsagents and bookshop in London yesterday.

The explosion, the cause of which is still unknown, happened at 2.20 p.m. as afternoon shoppers thronged Kensington High Street in south west London. Police kept the area totally sealed off late yesterday as bomb disposal experts were called to the area.

A spokesman for North Thames Gas said last night that no evidence had so far been found that the explosion was caused by leaking gas but added "We are keeping an

open mind on this". He said there was a smell of gas just after the explosion.

Fireman sifted through the rubble of the ground floor shop and basement to rescue a man in his middle twenties, but he later died in hospital as a result of serious multiple injuries.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said the eleven injured were six men and five women. Hospital spokesmen said most people were hit by flying glass and were suffering from shock but were discharged a few hours later. One woman was in Charing Cross Hospital last night with fractures and lacerations.

Tories in move to gag editor

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and the federation, which is dominated by the "Libertarians", young people from modest backgrounds hostile to State interference in the conduct of private and public affairs.

Speaking from his Sussex home, the former prime minister, who occupies a hallowed place in the Tory Pantheon, said that he had never heard of *New Agenda*.

Last year, the federation was brought to book by party chiefs over allegations of rowdiness and vandalism at its conference at Loughborough University.

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TUC ballot pact may avert clash

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However, the public will still be presented with reminders of past divisions with the National Union of Mineworkers and IASS, the white-collar engineering union, attacking the new resolution, though failing to win the day.

The conflict centred on a motion from the Union of Communication Workers calling for the right to an individual secret ballot "before being asked to participate in industrial action".

The compromise wording limits this to ballots before a strike.

Mr Alan Tuffin, the communication union's leader, said: "What is important we have avoided what could

have been seen as the movement saying we will have nothing to do with ballots before strikes."

That clearly would have damaged the Labour Party, and Mr Kinlock came out firmly on that right and this composite resolution will endorse that.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the transport union, said that he was "quite happy" with the new wording.

Secret ballots are becoming an increasingly common feature on the industrial landscape.

Figures from Acas, the conciliation service, show that in 1985, the first full year for which data are available, ballots were used 94 times by no fewer than 37 trade unions.

Letter from Washington Old splendour at the new Willard

The Willard is back. Arguably the most famous hotel in America, where presidents dined, Washington society intrigued, the mint julep was invented and a last-ditch attempt was made to avert the Civil War, the monumental landmark a stone's throw from the White House is emerging from 18 years of abandonment and dank decay.

Today the Willard will open its doors and invite to its restored turn-of-the-century splendour presidents, monarchs, prime ministers and all those willing to pay up to \$2,000 (£1,333) a night to stay in a hotel that has been at the centre of American history.

For the Willard is not just another expensive hotel in a city now brimming over with them; it is the cornerstone of President Kennedy's dream to rescue Pennsylvania Avenue from the squalor and urban decay of 25 years ago and make it a gracious artery connecting the Capitol and the White House. And with the reopening of the hotel, that has stood on that site for 150 years, that dream is almost realized.

The preservationists' fight was almost lost. The old owners gutted the crumbling art nouveau pile, auctioning off furnishings and artefacts before closing down. Developers wanted to turn the site into a car park. Restoration plans were mired in bureaucracy and a financial morasse. Only when Mr Oliver Carr, Washington's richest builder, teamed up with Intercontinental Hotels was restoration feasible.

It has cost Mr Carr a staggering sum - \$120 million. But with a tactfully dovetailed office complex next door to help the cash flow, he has been able to reach for authenticity, with inlaid marble floors, ornate moulded ceilings, wained false marble pillars, all carefully copied from the original designs.

The famous lobby, which gave the name lobbyists to those waiting to snare presidents and congressmen, still keeps the two doors of the

tense pre-Civil War days when Northern politicians exited one way and Southerners the other.

The old bull's-eye windows and slate mansard roofs mark the skyline. European craftsmen, imported because America, unlike war-ravaged Europe, has few people trained in historic preservation, have recreated the gleaming oak and polished brass banqueting rooms. And with some bullet-proof glass and secret security measures, the owners hope heads of state will again be dining there.

Today's building is the twelfth renovation of Henry Willard's ambitious hotel, the first in America to introduce bathrooms on each floor.

President-elect Franklin Pierce took up residence in 1853, staying there until he marched to the inaugural stand with Millard Fillmore, who promptly moved into his successor's old quarters. In 1864, Ulysses Grant and his son stayed there, and years later Calvin Coolidge headed a bungalow in his room.

But it was the Civil War that made the hotel famous. The last great ball for North and South before the apocalypse was held there in 1859, with 1,800 guests.

Months later, as Jefferson Davis was sworn in as President of the Confederacy, delegates from 21 of the 34 states met in the Willard to head off war, but in vain. The stirring words of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic* were written by Julia Howe in the Willard as she heard marching soldiers singing *John Brown's Body*.

The *Times*' distinguished special correspondent, William Howard Russell, wrote: "The great pile of Willard's hotel probably maintains more scheming, plotting, planning heads, more aching and joyful hearts than any building of the same size ever held in the world."

Today the last guest to vacate 18 years ago will arrive in Washington from Florida to be the first guest to sign the hotel register.

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open mind on this". He said there was a smell of gas just after the explosion.

Fireman sifted through the rubble of the ground floor shop and basement to rescue a man in his middle twenties, but he later died in hospital as a result of serious multiple injuries.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said the eleven injured were six men and five women. Hospital spokesmen said most people were hit by flying glass and were suffering from shock but were discharged a few hours later. One woman was in Charing Cross Hospital last night with fractures and lacerations.

Tories in move to gag editor

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and the federation, which is dominated by the "Libertarians", young people from modest backgrounds hostile to State interference in the conduct of private and public affairs.

Speaking from his Sussex home, the former prime minister, who occupies a hallowed place in the Tory Pantheon, said that he had never heard of *New Agenda*.

Last year, the federation was brought to book by party chiefs over allegations of rowdiness and vandalism at its conference at Loughborough University.

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TUC ballot pact may avert clash

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However, the public will still be presented with reminders of past divisions with the National Union of Mineworkers and IASS, the white-collar engineering union, attacking the new resolution, though failing to win the day.

The conflict centred on a motion from the Union of Communication Workers calling for the right to an individual secret ballot "before being asked to participate in industrial action".

The compromise wording limits this to ballots before a strike.

Mr Alan Tuffin, the communication union's leader, said: "What is important we have avoided what could

have been seen as the movement saying we will have nothing to do with ballots before strikes."

That clearly would have damaged the Labour Party, and Mr Kinlock came out firmly on that right and this composite resolution will endorse that.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the transport union, said that he was "quite happy" with the new wording.

Secret ballots are becoming an increasingly common feature on the industrial landscape.

Figures from Acas, the conciliation service, show that in 1985, the first full year for which data are available, ballots were used 94 times by no fewer than 37 trade unions.

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne visits the Royal College of Defence Studies, Belgrave Sq, SW1, 10.30.

Exhibitions in progress

Contemporary Caribbean art; Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30 (ends Sept 28).

The Photographic Art: pictorial traditions in Britain and America; Hunterian Art Gallery, Glasgow University; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1 (ends Sept 13).

Watercolours, etchings and engravings by Pat Gregory; Regent Centre, Hatfield, Herts; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5 (ends Aug 29). The end of the Pier Show: seaside

humour in popular and contemporary arts forms; Athenaeum Gallery, Princess St, Manchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends Sept 21).

David Shilling: The Hats, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's Close, 65 The Close, Salisbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 29).

Last chance to see

Landscapes and nudes by Edward Piper; Oriel 31, High St, Wexham, Oxon; 11 to 5.

Music

Jubilee Showcase: Concert by Anthony Neal (trombone) and Elizabeth Burley (piano); Jubilee Hall, Aldersburgh, 6.15.

Organ recital by Stephen Price; Parish Church, Goodington, Farningham, Devon, 7.30.

Organ recital by Wayne Marshall; Norwich Cathedral, 8.

Organ recital by Andrew Teague; Parish Church, St Peter's, York Place, Brighton, 8.

Gloucester Three Choirs Festival: Recital by the London Mozart Players, Tewkesbury Library, 8. Concert by the Festival Chorus and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; Gloucester Cathedral, 8.

Recital by the Patterson Quintet; Pump Room, Bath, 8.

Recital by Forum Musicians with John Kitchen; St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, 8.

Talk

What's in a Name?: Lakeland place names; Jennifer Taylor; Lake District National Park Visitor Centre, Brockhole, Windermere, 1.30.

General

Famous bears: stories and models for 6 to 10 year olds, 10.30 to 11.45; Teddy Bears' Picnic for 3 to 5 year olds, 2.30 to 3.30; Art, Nobels, Insects, Chorus and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; Gloucester Cathedral, 8.

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New books - hardback

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

The Home Austerlitz Handbook, editor J. David Gray (Athlone Press, £29.50)

Crossing Shadow Lines: Travels in South-East Asia, by Andrew Farnes (Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95)

The Pioneers: The Early British Tea and Coffee Planters and their Way of Life 1825-1900, by John Weatherstone (Quiller, £20)

The Shaping of Middle Earth, by J.R.R. Tolkien (Allen & Unwin, £14.95)

The Prince and the Pauper, by Frances and John Galsworthy (The Royal Family, by John Dale (W.H. Allen, £11.95)

The Vanishing Garden, by Christopher Brickell & Fay Sharman (John Murray, £15)

Benito and the English Revolution, edited by R.C. Richardson & G.M. Riddell (MUP, £19.95)

Mengela: The Complete Story, by Gerald L. Posner & John Ware (Queen Anne Press, £12.95)

Seminars and Anti-Seminars, by Bernard Lewis (Weidenfeld, £15)

The Best of the Twentieth Century Artists, by Edward Lucie-Smith (Weidenfeld, £20)

Anniversaries

Births: Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the USA 1889-93, North Bend, Ohio, 1833.

Deaths: William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, London, 1912; Paul Ehrlich, Nobel Prize winner, 1908; Hans Homburg von der Höhe, German, 1915; Federico Garcia Lorca, poet and dramatist, Granada, 1936; Lev Trotsky, assassinated, Mexico, 1940; Bernard Williams Griffiths, Archbishop of Westminster, 1944-56, Poole, Cornwall, 1956.

Russian troops invaded Czechoslovakia, 1968.

Visitors road code

A Highway Code for overseas visitors to Britain has been produced by the Department of Transport as part of European Road Safety Year.

On the Road in Great Britain, an illustrated booklet designed to reduce the road risk for visitors, is available in French, German, Italian, Spanish and English from the Department of Transport, Building 3, Victoria Rd, South Ruislip, Middlesex.

The pound

Rates for small denomination bank notes are now issued by Barclays Bank Plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

London: the FT index closed down 5.8 at 1287.8.

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Lighting up time

London 8.44 pm to 8.26 am (total 8.26 pm to 8.26 am)

Manchester 8.57 pm to 8.58 am (total 8.58 pm to 8.58 am)

Perthshire 9.02 pm to 8.50 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C F

Belfast 12.5 55

Birmingham 12.5 55

Bradford 12.5 55

Bristol 12.5 55

Cardiff 12.5 55

Edinburgh 12.5 55

Glasgow 12.5 55

London 12.5 55

Manchester 12.5 55

Newcastle 12.5 55

Nottingham 12.5 55

Sheffield 12.5 55

Southampton 12.5 55

Stockholm 12.5 55

Swansea 12.5 55

Toronto 12.5 55

Winnipeg 12.5 55

Yokohama 12.5 55

Zurich 12.5 55

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Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure over Britain will decline during the day as a warm front approaches W areas from the Atlantic.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, NE, central S, East Angles, Channel Islands, N Wales: Dry, sunny periods; wind light and variable; max temp 20C (68F).

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Letter from Washington
Old splendour
the new William

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1267.6 (-5.8)
FT-SE 100
1604.4 (-4.6)
Bargains
20857
USM (Datastream)
124.32 (+0.16)
THE POUND
US Dollar
1.5030 (+0.0105)
W German mark
3.0872 (-0.0038)
Trade-weighted
72.0 (+0.3)

De Beers price dips

Shares in De Beers Consolidated Mines, the South African diamond mining and marketing group, fell from \$6.80 to \$6.13 yesterday in reaction to disappointing interim results for 1986. Earnings from diamonds rose 42 per cent to R447 million (£114.2 million), but analysts had expected much more. Pretax profits rose from R530 million to R707 million and eps rose 20 per cent to 118 cents after a sharply higher tax charge up from R127 million to R218 million. The interim dividend was raised from 15 to 20 cents. Pretax profits at Gold Fields of South Africa, jumped 29 per cent from R225.3 million to R290.2 million in the year to June 30. The eps rose from 246 cents to 319 cents and the final dividend went up from 80 to 105 cents, making a total of 160 cents, one-third up on 1984-85. Second half net profits at Impala Platinum, fell slightly to R90.9 million despite booming world prices due to a strike which cost R45 million. Net profits for the full year to June 30 rose by 33 per cent to R192.7 million while annual dividends were unchanged at 135 cents.

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Rentokil up

Rentokil has reported interim pretax profits up 8 per cent to £13.1 million on turnover 8 per cent higher at £76.8 million. The dividend is increased by 15 per cent to 1.025p.

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Systems rise

Systems Designers, the software design company, yesterday announced interim pretax profits up 3.5 per cent to £3.3 million for the six months to June 30. The dividend is raised by 0.05p to 0.2p.

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Carlo victory

Carlo Engineering has won control of Bruntons (Musselburgh), the Scottish steel wire manufacturer, after Robert Fleming, its merchant bankers, bought 50.85 per cent shares of Bruntons at 72½p each.

Fulham offer

The offer by SB Properties, a Marler Estates subsidiary, for Fulham Football Club has been declared fully unconditional. Mr David Bulstrode, chairman of Marler, has been appointed Fulham's chairman.

Tap success

Tap supplies of 2½ per cent Treasury index-linked stock 2013 have run dry.

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New York Dow Jones 1866.70 (-2.82)
Tokyo Nikkei Dow 18782.61 (+195.17)
Hong Kong Hang Seng 1935.69 (-14.43)
Amsterdam AEX 228.1 (+1.4)
Sydney AO 1185.4 (+0.6)
Frankfurt Commerzbank 2080.2 (+29.7)
Brussels General 813.79 (-1.9)
Paris CAC 391.4 (+3.4)
S&K General 520.96 (same)
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INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 10%
3-month bill/bank 9¾-11¼
3-month eligible bills 9¾-10¼
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 6¼
3-month Treasury Bill 5.55-5.53
30-year bonds 100½-101

CURRENCIES
London New York
£ \$1.5030
£ DM3.0872
£ Sfr2.4892
£ ¥106.551
£ ¥106.48
£ Index: 72.0
New York
\$ DM2.0655
\$ Index: 110.4
ECU 10.6621 (64)
SDR 20.808667

Survey confirms London leads currency world

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent.

London was confirmed as the world's dominant foreign exchange market yesterday when the Bank of England published figures showing that turnover on the City's foreign currency market is outstripping turnover in New York and Tokyo by more than \$40 billion each day.

In the first survey ever conducted to discover the size of the City's foreign exchange trading, the Bank of England found that turnover in London amounted to \$115 billion a day, equivalent each week to the entire British annual gross national product.

Adjusting for double counting, the turnover in London is a daily \$90 billion. This compares with about \$30 billion in New York, according to figures published yesterday by the New York Federal Reserve Board which carries out regular surveys of its own market.

The annual turnover in London of more than £20,000

billion is equivalent to 10 times the total annual volume of world trade. Although no absolute figures exist for global foreign exchange turnover, experts believe that London accounts for about 25 per cent of the total.

The US survey showed that turnover in New York had almost doubled since the last survey, in 1983, showing daily turnover at \$26 billion. The Bank of England believes that foreign exchange turnover in London has been growing at a similar pace.

Japan also published figures for foreign exchange turnover yesterday showing that it was rapidly catching up New York in volume following a 400 per cent increase over the last year to a daily total of \$48 billion.

The Bank of England survey was based on the dealings of 347 banks and licensed deposit takers, and eight brokers in London over a 10-day period last March.

The New York survey was

carried out over the whole of March and included 123 banking institutions and nine brokers.

The Bank's survey showed that trading between sterling and dollars was still the dominant transaction in London, making up 30 per cent of all types of foreign exchange deals. It was closely followed by dollar/mark transactions, making up 28 per cent of the total, followed by dollar/yen and dollar/Swiss franc deals.

The 10 largest banks together held more than 36 per cent of the market's turnover, and there were 24 banks with a market share of more than 1 per cent each. The Bank does not, however, believe that this represents an unreasonable concentration of power.

Spot transactions accounted for 73 per cent of the total turnover, with forward transactions at 26 per cent. Options and futures trading was growing but still made up an insignificant proportion

BPCC shares halt on expected bid

By Alison Eadie

The shares of British Printing & Communication Corporation and Philip Hill Investment Trust were suspended yesterday pending an announcement, expected this morning, that BPCC is making an agreed £330 million bid for Philip Hill.

The offer by Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of BPCC, comes after shareholder dissatisfaction had been voiced about the poor performance of Philip Hill. Barclays de Zoete Wedd investment, with the backing of 56 per cent of Philip Hill shareholders, had put forward a plan to transform the trust into a UK equity index-linked fund. The plan now looks like being overtaken by Mr Maxwell's offer.

The offer is expected to be at 97 per cent of net asset value, which is around 343p a share. Philip Hill shares were suspended at 323p.

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank acting for BPCC because its usual banker Hill Samuel has conflicts of interest, was sounding out Philip Hill shareholders and sub-underwriters yesterday to see if there was support for such a large increase in BPCC's equity.

The Philip Hill board, headed by Lord Keith of Castleacre, fully supports the

bid. The City was last night expecting that there would be just sufficient support for the bid to go ahead.

BPCC is expected to liquidate Philip Hill's assets to raise money for the company's

Mr Alan Brooker, chairman and chief executive of Exel Group, has written to shareholders attacking Mr Robert Maxwell's "obstructive tactics" in attempting to block the proposed acquisition of Dealers Digest, the US financial publishing and database operating concern.

American expansion. The acquisition of an American printing and publishing company is imminent and further American acquisitions are planned.

BPCC bought the Bishopsgate Trust two years ago and liquidated its assets as a means of reducing gearing. The company announced doubled interim profits of £27.55 million this week.

Philip Hill's disappointing performance was blamed largely on the company's 1.7 per cent stake in Becham, its largest holding.

BPCC shares were suspended yesterday at 298p, valuing the company at £752 million.

US growth rate slows to 0.6%

From Mohsin Ali Washington

America's gross national product (GNP) expanded by only 0.6 per cent in the period from April to June, compared with estimates of 1.1 per cent, the Commerce Department announced yesterday.

Lower investment in stocks and a worsening foreign trade imbalance were to blame for the sluggish growth rate, the department said.

The weak economic performance, after strong growth during the first quarter of 3.8 per cent, reinforced some analysts' concern that the American economy may be stalling and could need more stimulus to avoid slipping into a recession.

Earlier this month, the Reagan Administration revised its forecast for economic growth in 1986 down to 3.2 per cent from the 4 per cent estimated in the February budget.

Yesterday's announcement came as the Federal Reserve Board's policy-makers were gathering to review the economic situation.

Analysts speculated that the board was likely to consider further cuts in its discount rate, last reduced on July 10, to try to bolster economic activity. The discount rate, the interest rate charged by the Fed to member banks, stands at 6 per cent.

At the same time, the department reported that corporate profits were up by \$5.6 billion (£3.76 billion) or 4.1 per cent from first quarter levels.

During the first half of this year, GNP increased at a yearly rate of 2.2 per cent.

To achieve the latest Administration forecast of 3.2 per cent expansion, the economy would have to grow at a 4.2 per cent rate during the second half of this year.

The increase in GNP between April and June matched the 0.6 per cent expansion in the fourth quarter of 1982 and was the lowest rise since the third quarter of 1982 when there was a 3.2 per cent decline.

The dollar lost ground on the announcement, the pound closing in London at \$1.5030.



Harry Blundred: First in the driver's seat with a management-led buyout of Devon General

Ex-conductor buys the buses

By Teresa Poole

A former bus conductor emerged yesterday as the head of the first management team to purchase a local bus company from the National Bus Company.

Mr Harry Blundred, chairman and managing director of Devon General, led a team of five senior managers in mounting a successful buyout for the Exeter company.

Devon General is the first local bus subsidiary to be sold under the current privatisation programme and is also the first NBC company to be bought by existing management. Last month National Holidays was sold to the Pleasurama Group, whose £2.5 million offer was signif-

cantly higher than the management's bid.

The company made its mark in the industry by pioneering Britain's first large-scale minibus project in Exeter in 1984. It has more than 200 minibuses providing high frequency "hail and stop" services in Exeter and Torbay and recently ordered another 50.

The success of these developments led to a return to profits in 1985 after several years of losses. The price for Devon General has not been disclosed, but is believed to be more than £3 million. No other firm bids were received.

The new management team will have to cope with the deregulation of the bus in-

dustry in October. Mr Blundred, aged 44, said Devon General had already regis-

tered to run buses on 90 per cent of the existing routes and was confident the company would cope with an effective loss of £600,000 in subsidies.

Unlike some NBC subsidiaries with a higher proportion of unprofitable rural routes, Devon General has increased staffing levels over the past three years from 700 to more than 1,000 and is still recruiting. If the company remains profitable, a profit sharing scheme will be introduced for employees in about two years.

Almost all the management of NBC's 70 subsidiaries have expressed interest in staging buyouts

Yorkshire forecasts £8.25m

Yorkshire Television, the independent television contractor whose shares are being floated on the stock market next week, yesterday issued a "pathfinder" prospectus, which revealed the sharp improvement in profits that is expected for this year.

For the year to the end of September, pretax profits are forecast at not less than £8.25 million, ahead of City expectations of about £7.5 million. In the seven months to the end of April, the company made profits of £6.7 million compared with £4.2 million, before exceptional items, for the whole of the previous year.

The buoyant forecast means the company is likely to be valued at about £45 million when the offer for sale details are announced on Friday. Previous City estimates were nearer £40 million.

The company is making a particular effort to encourage local viewers to buy shares and is offering a special rate of commission to financial intermediaries who certify that applications bearing their stamp are residents of the YTV region.

Hanson recoups \$930m

By Our City Staff

Hanson Trust has sold the United States company, Durkee Famous Foods, to Reckitt & Colman for \$120 million (£80 million).

The sale of Durkee - part of SCM, the corporation acquired by Hanson for \$930 million in January - means that Hanson has now recouped the entire purchase price of SCM.

But it is still left with the businesses of titanium dioxide, Smith-Corona typewriters and paper and some industrial operations, which

make estimated total annual profits of more than \$120 million.

Durkee's turnover is running at \$210 million a year, and profit before tax at \$13 million on a pro forma basis. Reckitt & Colman said the purchase was part of its strategy to build up its presence in the US.

Durkee matches RT French, Reckitt's existing American speciality food business, in size, product range and marketing strategy.

Standard gives Pao two seats on board

By Our Banking Correspondent

The three shareholders who rescued Standard Chartered Bank last month have been given directorships by Standard, but Sir Yue-Kong Pao, the Hong Kong entrepreneur who took the biggest stake in the bank, is to control two directorships.

Sir Yue-Kong, who bought 15 per cent of the bank to help thwart Lloyds, has been appointed group deputy chairman while his brother-in-law, Mr Peter Woo, has been made a director.

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian businessman who recently raised his holding to 8 per cent, and Tan Sri Khoo Teck Fun, the Singapore entrepreneur who holds 5 per cent, have also been appointed directors.

At the same time Standard announced a 19 per cent increase in its interim dividend, from 10.5p to 12.5p, despite a slight fall in interim pretax profits compared with the same period last year.

The pretax result dropped from £133.8 million to £131 million, largely because of a sharp deterioration in the performance of the bank's African and Far Eastern operations.

Lord Barber, the chairman, denied speculation that the new shareholders were planning to break up the bank by floating off its more profitable operations.

Sir Yue-Kong had been given control of two seats on the board because of his larger shareholding. Lord Barber said. But all three shareholders were valuable because of their standing in their own countries, where Standard has interests. Lord Barber added that none wanted day-to-day involvement with the bank's management.

Standard's pretax profits over the six months to June 30 were hit by heavy provisions for bad debts, up from £45.6 million to £67.4 million. A large part of the increase occurred on business in Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong.

Tropical African results deteriorated largely because of conservative accounting, but British and US profits improved.

Racal chief confident

Sir Ernest Harrison, the Racal chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that he was still confident of meeting the company's profit projections from its Vodafone cellular radio venture.

The £5 million profit this year is projected to rise to £20 million next year and £36 million the following year.

Racal has invested around £100 million in the operation and it has 45,000 subscribers against an original projection of 40,000 at this stage.

Pension chiefs face ban on recommending their plans

By Martin Baker

The pensions industry is heading for a period of anomalies and potential illegalities.

A survey by the Association of National Pension Fund Managers (ANPF), published yesterday, shows that a considerable number of the 1,015 schemes surveyed will have to amend their reporting and financial practices to conform with legislation.

In addition, a bizarre side-effect of the new Acts affecting pensions may seriously hamper the ability of pension managers and trustees to advise employees to take up their own company scheme.

The ANPF survey, which covers the pension provisions of 6.7 million employees in the public and private sectors, shows that 84 per cent of schemes provide for compulsory employee membership. The Social Security Act 1986, yet to be implemented, will prohibit this.



Norman Fowler: sponsors Social Security Act

At the time of the survey, conducted before the Act came into force, only 38 per cent of schemes surveyed had already made these provisions.

One potential difficulty for pension managers is the combined effect of the Social Security Act 1986, sponsored by Mr Norman Fowler's ministry, and the Department of Trade-backed Financial Services Bill. The 1986 Act will give employees the right to opt for a personal pension.

The onus, according to Mr James, will be on "the companies which must sell their own schemes to their employees." The Financial Services Bill, on the other hand, will impose a duty on investment advisers to recommend the better performing pension products to individuals.

They may, therefore, find it difficult to recommend an average company scheme to employees of that company.

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Ansett has go-ahead to fly in New Zealand

The New Zealand Government has given the go-ahead to the Australian airline Ansett to fly main internal routes in New Zealand in a consortium with the transport operator Newmans and financier Ron Brierley.

The move was opposed by Air New Zealand, the national carrier, which currently has a near-monopoly and which has made a counter bid seeking permission from the Australian Government to operate on Australian domestic routes.

The decision, which was announced by the New Zealand Trade and Industry Minister David Caygill and Civil Aviation Minister Richard Prebble is seen as a continuation of the drive to open up the economy and provoke more competition.

The ministers said that foreign investment in any domestic airline was being restricted to 50 per cent until New Zealand airlines were able to invest in the country of origin.

Ansett Transport Industries Pty Ltd of Australia intends taking a 50 per cent interest in the joint venture. The other partners are Newmans Group Ltd and Brierley Investments of New Zealand.

The ministers said when the airline is established it would have to be based totally in New Zealand.

Gold dealers optimistic despite price falls

Zurich (Reuters) - Gold and platinum prices dropped back yesterday in a further partial reversal of last week's dramatic gains, but dealers and analysts in Europe remain confident that precious metals will soon move higher.

One dealer at a leading Swiss bank said: "The upward trend is still in tact". He added that the slight falls in prices since Friday were the normal reaction of the market to rises which many saw as overdue.

Another said: "People are not quite as enthusiastic as last week, but we are still optimistic".

Gold shot up to \$399 an ounce early last week, its highest level for almost two and a half years, largely on fears that South Africa, the world's leading producer, could cut supplies in retaliation for possible Western sanctions.

But the South Africans have denied any such intention and the bullion price has since fallen back, shedding another

\$7 overnight to begin yesterday morning at \$371 an ounce in Zurich. It was later fixed at \$372.50 in London, \$4.25 down on the previous day's close, but improved to close at \$375.25.

One London dealer said that although gold prices could move lower over the next few days, overall market sentiment remained bullish.

Platinum, which led last week's rally, was also weaker yesterday, shedding \$5 to be fixed in London at \$530.50 an ounce, down from last week's peak of \$565.

The Julius Baer-KK Swiss Investment Research Index, based on interviews with 100 Swiss analysts and dealers, showed 40 per cent still believed gold would go higher against 15 per cent who forecast a fall. This represented a slight drop in the ratio of "bulls" to "bears" from last week.

Mr Hans Kaufmann, gold specialist at Bank Julius Baer, believed worries about South

African supplies were of little relevance to the long-term picture.

More important were the chances of a resurgence of world inflation, and with the Reagan Administration pursuing a relatively expansionary monetary policy this looked increasingly likely, he said. Gold is often sought as a hedge at times of rapid consumer price rises.

Even after the falls of recent days, the gold price is still well above the \$328 at the end of last year and \$347 just before South Africa declared its state of emergency on June 12.

However, dealers noted that the political situation in South Africa had produced one victim on the gold market - the kruggerand. With institutional investors fighting shy of the South African coin, the price was \$3 to \$4 below the gold price yesterday compared with the traditional few dollars' premium over gold.

But dealers said speculators already appeared to be stepping in.

Japan investors bet on new boom

Tokyo (Reuters) - Japanese investors are on a shopping spree in the Tokyo stock market, betting that the flexible Japanese economy will restructure itself out of trouble into a new boom.

Mindful of how Japan pulled itself out of the oil price rise crisis in the 1970s, investors

are confident that Japanese companies, hit by a strong yen and under pressure abroad to reduce exports, will shrug off their current troubles and bounce back in the long term.

The Tokyo stock exchange's Nikkei Dow Jones average yesterday reached a closing

record for the fourth successive day, ending at 18,792.61 points, a rise of 1,439.11 in nine days.

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, has been stressing that Japan cannot expect to continue with huge trade surpluses, estimated at over \$70 billion this year.

APPOINTMENTS

Davidsons: Mr Peter Whiting becomes managing director, paper and board division. Weatherall Green & Smith: Mr Dennis Redmond becomes president.

IBL: Mr Ashley West joins as group finance director. Business Help: Mr Fernley Parker becomes chairman.

British Gas (Eastern): Mr John Kibbourn is made director, corporate planning and management services, from September 29.

British Alcan Sheet: Mr Malcolm Shearer has been made managing director.



Keith Jecks Lloyds Investment Managers: Mr Keith Jecks joins as a director, marketing.

Thomas French & Sons: Mr Paul Collins and Mr Ray Binion have joined the board.

Dataserv Inc: Mr Philip Hinderaker has been appointed to the board.

Dataserv Ltd: Mr Michael Payne becomes a director responsible for DP Sales and Mr Stephen Swiatek becomes a director responsible for GSD Sales.

Rentokil dismays with repeat performance

Is the rot setting in at Rentokil? For the second consecutive time the group's results have failed to please the market.

Interim profits were up 9 per cent at £13.1 million, but were considered disappointing. Forecasts for the full year are being cut. This is a similar pattern to that displayed in 1985.

News on Rentokil in the last year has not been especially encouraging. The shares have underperformed the FT All-Share index by 17.5 per cent over that period. The interim results bear witness to a poor performance in property care in the United Kingdom and an increasingly competitive market for timber preserving in the United Kingdom and the Far East.

Property care has been badly affected by the reduction in home improvement grants.

Despite these difficulties, the core of the business, contract services, is doing well. It accounts for about 75 per cent of British profits in 1985 and is also a useful contributor to overseas earnings.

Its otherwise bright growth prospects are, however, being clouded by the Office of Fair Trading's investigation into pest control, launched earlier this year.

The deliberations of the OFT will not be known for some time but its presence in the market and eventual report are bound to affect Rentokil's pricing policy.

Pest control is a very profitable area for the group. Margins are in excess of 25 per cent and profits last year were about £8 million.

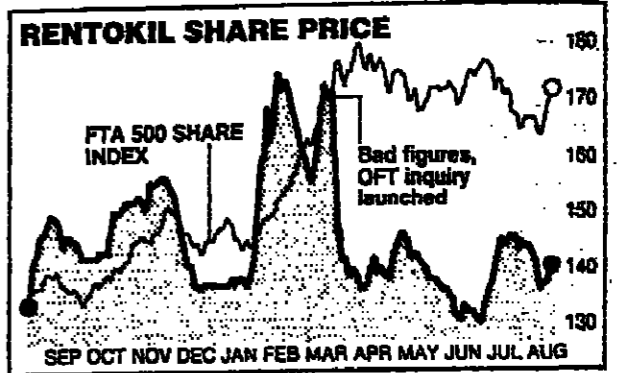
The rest of the year is expected to show some recovery in the problem areas but, barring a bonanza, Rentokil will be hard pressed to make £30 million this year. Before last year's disappointment, it had been hoped the company would make more than £33 million in 1986.

On a forecast of £29.5 million (9.4p) the shares are selling on a 12 per cent premium to the market.

De Beers

After winning the hearts and minds of the mining world with sparkling diamond sales figures seven weeks ago, De Beers quickly fell from grace yesterday with a set of interim results that contradicted all its bullish noises on the state of the diamond market.

Consider this: in April, De Beers said its huge stockpile of diamonds had peaked and was starting to fall. In the same month, it raised the price of gem diamonds by 7 1/2



RENTOKIL SHARE PRICE

FT All-Share Index. Bad figures, OFT inquiry launched.

per cent, the first increase in three years.

In July, it announced that sales of rough gem and industrial diamonds by the Central Selling Organisation in the first half of 1986 were 45 per cent higher in dollar terms and 62 per cent up in rands on a year earlier.

At the same time, Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman of De Beers, told a world diamond gathering that trade stocks were back to normal, production and demand were in balance again and the future looked rosy.

Then De Beers dropped the bombshell that its margins on diamond sales actually shrunk in the first half to 16 1/2 per cent from 35 per cent in the second half of 1985 and 19 per cent a year ago. There is no explanation for this strange behaviour at a time when the almighty De Beers/CSO cartel appears once again to be in the driving seat.

Nor is there any reason given why De Beers' tax charge should jump by 72 per cent to leave earnings per share a paltry 20 per cent higher. Instead, there is merely a bland reassurance that the upward trend in diamond sales should continue in the second half.

There are possible explanations for these figures. Margins could fall because of a change in the mixture of diamonds sold between those that come from De Beers' mines and those brought in by the CSO.

The higher tax charge probably reflects higher sales within South Africa from De Beers' own sources.

Systems

High spending on research and development this year and a less favourable tax treatment of US earnings next year, pushing up the tax charge by around 10 per cent, it lost a good number of them.

Designers

When 34 analysts turn up to a briefing on the interim results of a £100 million computer software company, there

must be something special about it.

On the face of it, Systems Designers results for the six months to June can only be described as pedestrian.

Pre-tax profits rose 3.5 per cent to £3.3 million, on turnover up 14 per cent to £29.2 million. The underlying trend, however, gives no cause for alarm.

There are two key reasons why growth has been less than spectacular. One is the impact of a weak dollar on the results of its US subsidiary, Warrington Financial Services, supplier of settlement systems for financial institutions. Divisional pre-tax profit was down 7 per cent to £1.6 million.

The other reason for the sluggish performance is the group's decision to invest heavily in research and development in its other division, Systems Consultancy Services.

The amount of the expenditure is not disclosed, but was enough to check growth from 28 per cent last year to 16 per cent in the first half of this year.

Systems Designers will remain in the forefront of software technology. Its link with Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) to develop and market Ada products (software for military applications) worldwide opens up a market estimated to be worth more than \$800 million (£544 million) in the US alone.

In US financial services, it is moving out from its base in settlement services in the "back office" to the "front office" with dealer information systems.

The price-earnings ratio is nudging 20, and is unlikely to be reduced much next year. But for those who can wait until 1988, there could be a pot of gold from projects now in development.

Standard Chartered PLC

Interim Statement

The Standard Chartered Group profit before taxation for the half year to 30th June 1986 is £131.0 million.

Financial Highlights	Six months ended 30th June 1986	Six months ended 30th June 1985	Twelve months ended 31st December 1985
Trading profit	£m 113.6	£m 97.5	£m 205.4
Profit before taxation			
- Group excluding Stanbic	118.4	115.0	232.3
- Stanbic	12.6	18.8	35.6
	131.0	133.8	267.9
Profit before extraordinary items	70.2	60.2	132.7
Earnings per share	45.1p	38.7p	85.3p
Dividends per share	12.5p	10.5p	30.5p

In announcing the interim results, the Chairman, Lord Barber, said: "The 2% reduction in Profit before taxation reflects the reduced contribution from associates stemming from adverse movements in exchange rates, particularly the South African Rand and the Nigerian Naira, and the dilution in the Group's shareholding in Stanbic from 53% to 39%. Other salient features are:

- Trading profit has increased from £97.5 million to £113.6 million — up 16.5%.
- Aggregate charge for bad and doubtful debts has increased from £45.6 million to £67.4 million — up 48%.
- Profit before extraordinary items has increased from £60.2 million to £70.2 million — up 16.6%.
- Earnings per share have increased from 38.7p to 45.1p — up 16.5%.

The Group continues to feel the effects of exchange rate fluctuations, particularly the weakening of the U.S. Dollar and of currencies linked to it. If the 1985 half year results of overseas operations were restated at June 1986 rates, profits before taxation would be showing an increase of £19.3 million or 17%.

The weakness of the U.S. currency has had an adverse effect on the

results of International Banking Division, London, but despite this, U.K. profits were maintained at the higher levels recorded last year. Chartered Trust, the Group's consumer finance arm in the U.K., has already announced a 46% increase in interim pre-tax profits to £5.9 million. A strong performance has again been recorded in North America where the United Bancorp group has posted a 15% increase in profits after tax for the six months, and notable improvements have been achieved in both the Middle East and South Asia and in Europe. Although underlying performances in Tropical Africa have been most satisfactory, adverse currency factors have left profits lower than last year's when translated into Sterling. The economic difficulties affecting a number of countries in the Asia Pacific Region, particularly Malaysia and Singapore, have continued to depress results from the region; however, the recovery in Hong Kong is continuing.

The loan loss experience previously noted in the Asia Pacific Region has continued into the first half of 1986 with Singapore and Malaysia being hardest hit. The shipping sector shows little sign of improvement and this has adversely affected profits in Hong Kong.

In South Africa, Stanbic has reported unchanged profits before taxation; however, due to our reduced shareholding and the continued weakness in the Rand, the Group's share of Stanbic's pre-tax profit has declined to £12.6 million, representing under 10% of Group pre-tax profit.

The lower charge for taxation results from a higher proportion of profits earned in the U.K. and a reduced rate of U.K. corporation tax.

In my letter to shareholders of 21st June 1986 I indicated that the Directors expected to recommend in due course the payment of dividends in respect of the year ending 31st December 1986 totalling not less than 35 pence per share, an increase of 14.8% over 1985. In view of the growth in earnings per share an interim dividend of 12.5 pence per share (1985 — 10.5 pence) has been declared for payment on 3rd October 1986 to shareholders registered on 11th September 1986.

Total assets employed have increased by £0.5 billion from £28.8 billion to £29.3 billion as underlying volume growth of 7% has been constrained by the weakness of the U.S. Dollar and related currencies in which the Group mainly trades."

Group Results

(unaudited)			
	Six months ended 30th June 1986	Six months ended 30th June 1985	Twelve months ended 31st December 1985
Trading profit	£m 113.6	£m 97.5	£m 205.4
Share of profits of:			
Stanbic	12.6	18.8	35.6
Associated companies	4.8	17.5	26.9
Profit before taxation	131.0	133.8	267.9
Taxation (Note 3)	56.6	68.4	125.6
Profit after taxation	74.4	65.4	142.3
Minority interests	4.2	5.2	9.6
Profit before extraordinary items	70.2	60.2	132.7
Extraordinary items (Note 4) (5.3)	-	-	15.7
Profit attributable	64.9	60.2	148.4
Dividends	19.5	16.3	47.4
Profit retained	45.4	43.9	101.0
Earnings per share	45.1p	38.7p	85.3p
Dividends per share	12.5p	10.5p	30.5p
	(Interim)	(Interim)	(Total)

Notes

- The charge for bad and doubtful debts comprises:

	Six months ended 30th June 1986	Six months ended 30th June 1985	Twelve months ended 31st December 1985
Specific	£m 52.4	£m 33.6	£m 72.9
General	15.0	12.0	27.8
	67.4	45.6	100.7
- Regional analysis of profit before taxation (after allocation of central expenses)

	Six months ended 30th June 1986	Six months ended 30th June 1985	Twelve months ended 31st December 1985
United Kingdom	£m 69.0	£m 58.2	£m 135.7
Europe	5.1	(0.4)	2.2
North America	32.3	28.6	49.6
Middle East and South Asia	5.5	(1.1)	2.3
Asia Pacific	3.7	22.4	31.8
Tropical Africa	18.7	27.7	44.7
South Africa	12.6	18.7	35.6
Profit before interest on loan capital	146.9	154.1	301.9
Interest on loan capital relating to central financing	(15.9)	(20.3)	(34.0)
Profit before taxation	131.0	133.8	267.9
- Taxation

The change for taxation, which reflects the estimated effective rate for the year, is based on a U.K. corporation tax rate of 36.25% (1985 — 41.25%) and comprises:

	Six months ended 30th June 1986	Six months ended 30th June 1985	Twelve months ended 31st December 1985
Company and subsidiaries	£m 51.9	£m 51.6	£m 102.3
Stanbic and associated companies	4.7	16.8	23.3
	56.6	68.4	125.6
- Extraordinary items (net of attributable taxation relief)

Extraordinary items comprise: —

	£m
Costs relating to bid defence	7.0
Provision against trade investment and other items	0.8
	7.8
Attributable tax credit	2.5
	5.3
- The financial information included herein for the twelve months ended 31st December 1985 is based on the full Accounts for 1985 which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies, and on which the Auditors gave an unqualified report.

Japan loan threat 'off'

Tokyo (Reuters) - Japanese banks have dropped a controversial demand that any future loans they make to Mexico be tied to tax breaks at home, banking sources said yesterday.

The demand, made earlier this month by Mr Yoh Kurosawa, deputy president of the Industrial Bank of Japan, threatened a \$12 billion (£8.05 billion) rescue package for Mexico and alarmed the United States.

The Japanese banks are being asked to provide about \$900 million of the \$6 billion Mexico is seeking from its international bank creditors. The banking sources said the Japanese banks decided not to go through with the threat, although many of them sympathized with Mr Kurosawa's remarks.

Dai Nippon in \$550m deal

Japan's biggest printing ink firm, Dai Nippon, has bought the printing ink division of Sun Chemical for \$550 million (£369 million). This gives Dai Nippon the biggest share of the US printing ink market.

The printing ink division accounts for 64 per cent of Sun Chemical's business.

With the Sun Chemical purchase Dai Nippon is expected to control about 13 per cent of the world market after an aggressive series of purchases in Europe and the US.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank (Savings)	10.75%
Consolidated Cts	10.00%
Continental Trust	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
City Bank NA	10.00%
† Mortgage Base Rate.	

WALL STREET Early setback for Dow

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares fell in early trading yesterday after a bout of profit-taking. Bonds, which rose in reaction to a lower figure for the United States gross national product in the second quarter, provided no support.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 10.13 points to 1,869.24. Declining issues led advancing issues by a

margin of seven to four on a volume of 1.6 billion shares.

IBM led the active issues, rising 1/4 to 135 1/2. Freehauf rose 1/2 to 47 1/2 and Mobil fell 1/4 to 34 1/2. The transportation average was down 5.25 points at 748.13, utilities fell 0.11 points and stocks were down 3.61 points to 717.18.

The Standard and Poors 100 index was 0.75 points down at 231.21.

	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20
AMR	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	Freezone	24 1/2	24 1/2
ASA	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	Gen Corp	30 1/2	30 1/2
AT&T	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	Gen Electric	74 1/2	74 1/2
Allied Signal	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	Gen Motors	32 1/2	32 1/2
Allied Svs	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	Gen Tech	24 1/2	24 1/2
Alcoa	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Ames Inc	11 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	GAP Corp	33 1/2	33 1/2
Amstar	19 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	GATF	52 1/2	52 1/2
Am Bancorp	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am Can	88 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am Cent	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am Corp	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am E Pwr	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am Express	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am Home	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am Motors	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am S Inv	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	Gen Tr	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am Tel	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	Gen Tr	2	

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Gilts lifted by hopes of interest rate cuts

Hopes of lower interest rates next month gave gilts a much-needed boost yesterday. Gains stretched to more than half a point, enabling the Government Broker to exhaust supplies of the remaining £500 million 8 1/2 per cent Treasury 2007 tap stock.

The FT-SE 100 index closed down 4.6 points at 1,604.4 and the FT-30 share index lost 5.8 points to end the day at 1,267.6.

Earlier, the index-linked "taplet" 2013 ran out. Helping the mood was a firmer pound, which closed up 0.0103 at \$1.5030 after a gloomy set of United States gross national product figures showing a slowdown in growth to only 0.6 per cent in the second quarter.

Wall Street opened lower on the news, knocking a few pence from the leading British internationalists like Glaxo at 968p down 27p and ICI 7p lower at 997p. Jaguar was another casualty at 495p down 31p on further confirmation of Monday's statement. The session began cautiously as BPCC and Philip Hill Investment Trust confirmed merger talks.

Both shares were suspended, but fears of an early liquidation of the PHIT portfolio if the deal is successful sent a small shudder through some equities.

Beecham for example, where Philip Hill holds a substantial interest, fell initially to 393p rallied to 403p only to slip back again with Wall Street to 393p a net fall of 8p.

Oils continued to reflect optimism for the future trend of crude prices, with BP 15p higher at 625p. Stores reflected another cheerful retail survey from the Confederation of British Industry and hopes of tax cuts next year.

after the latest rise in revenue receipts. Sears at 121 1/2p and GWA "A" shares at 107 1/2p gained 3p and 10p, while jewellers continued to sparkle after the combined English-Zales deal announced on Monday.

Ratners was particularly strong at 201p up 12p. Confirmation that merger talks had collapsed hit Mount Charlotte at 94p and Pleasurama 316p, both about 6p down: Reckitt added 6p to 77 1/2p after the acquisition of

Shares in Blue Circle staged a recovery yesterday on news that outline planning permission had been awarded to build 5,000 houses on the site of a former quarry at Chafford Hundred, near Grays in Essex. BCI owns 60 per cent of the site and could make more than £15 million profit over the 10 years it will take to complete the development.

Durkee Famous Foods from Hanson Trust, 2p better and 180p.

In otherwise dull breweries, Matthew Brown rebounded 30p to 495p on revived bid talk and Vanx was also supported at 400p up 20p.

Standard Chartered slipped 8p to 72p after disappointing first-half profits 2 per cent lower than last year. Other banks eased in sympathy.

In mines, De Beers plunged 67-cents to 613 cents after disappointing earnings. P&O with figures early next month slipped 5p to 508p and GEC overshadowed by the threat of increased competition from Plessey and Racal on defence contracts shed 4p to 186p.

Construction shares were supported ahead of the dividend season which begins next week with Blue Circle 10p higher at 548p. Costain at 548p and Garmac at 464p improved 9p. J Mowlem added another 6p to 396p after recent comment.

Electronics issues were stimulated by a favourable circular from the stock-brokers, de Zoete. Unitech was particularly favoured at 195p up 7p, but Racal gave up 6p to 180p after the annual meeting.

Thora EMI attracted investment demand at 491p up 9p amid rumours of an upgraded profits forecast. Good profits and a one for five scrip issue lifted Aerospace Engineering 4p to 74p.

Ayrshire Metal at 30p up 3p and Savara Group at 75p up 7p were firm ahead of statements this week. Mrs Fields was hoisted 8p to 133p after comment on the figures. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers such as Albert Fisher at 180p and Glass Glover at 205p jumped 6p each after an encouraging circular.

COMPANY NEWS

HAT GROUP: BET has extended its £95 million bid for HAT until 3pm on September 8, after receiving acceptances for 1,103,685 HAT shares (1.44 per cent) by the first closing date.

MOLYNEUX HOLDINGS: Results for the six months to June 30: no interim dividend (nil). Turnover £1,160,000. Pretax profit £160,000 (£98,000). Tax £48,000 (nil). Earnings per share 4p (3.6p). The 700,000 ordinary shares issued by way of rights have been excluded from the calculation.

TASK FORCE GROUP: Results for the six months to May 31 in 2000s. No interim dividend forecast. Final dividend 1.18p. Turnover 2,795 (£1,955). Tax £184,000 (£150,000). Profit attributable 169 (£84). Earnings per share 3.2p (1.6p).

BRITISH CAR AUCTIONS: The company announced on August 19 that the cash offer of £18.75 per share made by Anglo Auctions, its wholly owned subsidiary, to the holders of those shares in Sandgate Corporation not already owned by Anglo Auctions, expired on August 14. Purchases have been effected and payment made for 755,205 Sandgate shares. Another 224,276 Sandgate shares are expected to be acquired shortly, after delivery of the second tranche, which has been guaranteed.

TOTAL ERICSSON RESOURCES: The company announced Can\$2.9 million profits in the first half of 1986, which represents only four months of operations at the Mount Skukum gold mine near Whitehorse in the Yukon, which is 37 per cent owned by Total Ericsson.

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING: Results for the year to April 30 in £000s. Dividend 1.56p (1.2p), with a proposed one for five capitalization making 2.85p (2.4p). Turnover £2,983 (£2,949). Gross profit £240 (£250).

PROPERTY HOLDING & INVESTMENT TRUST: The Greycoat offer will close on August 28 unless the ordinary offer is then unconditional as to acceptance. The cash alternative is also final and will close at the same time. The current PHIT share price is 133p and Greycoat says its offers are worth more than this.

ANGLO NORDIC HOLDINGS: The company announced that its subsidiary Anglo Nordic Properties has entered into a conditional contract for the sale of its freehold site at Cowley Mill Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex, occupied by Auto Diesels Braby, for £1.6 million cash. The sale is conditional upon the purchaser obtaining planning consent for site development.

JW WASSALL: Results for the 53 weeks to February 15 (52 weeks to January 26). Final dividend 1p (1p). Turnover £2,909,698 (£3,013,358). Pretax profit £49,533 (£88,496). Tax £7,497 (£5,668). Profit after tax £42,036 (£82,828). Earnings per share 2.53p (5.14p).

BARRIE INVESTMENTS & FINANCE: The extraordinary meeting, held on August 19, at which resolutions approving the sale of the group's property at 121 St John Street, London EC1, were to be proposed, was adjourned due to unsolicited higher offers received for the property since the notice of the meeting was sent to shareholders.

ENTERPRISE INVESTMENT COMPANY: The formula for asset value per ordinary share, calculated for the purposes of determining the sale facility price at the close of business on August 5, is 46.18p per ordinary share, being 90 per cent of the formula asset value plus the proportionate share of the net premium arising from the sale of related rights on August 6, is 42.50p per ordinary share, including a net premium of 1p per ordinary share arising from the sale of related rights.

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COMMENT Ambitious Maxwell lines up his cash

Underwriters permitting, Robert Maxwell is about to lay his hands on another £330 million of new equity capital at BPCC without putting up any money from his own private interests or losing nominal control.

Taking over the underperforming Philip Hill Investment Trust looks a cheaper and quicker way for the BPCC chairman to fund his expansion plans in the United States than a conventional rights issue. And it looks convenient for Lord Keith of Castlecre, the veteran City strongman who chairs Philip Hill.

The City's response to the plan to underwrite the BPCC shares offered, smothered out by The Times market report yesterday, will determine whether it suits disgruntled Philip Hill shareholders. It may not be ideal for outside holders in BPCC either, but none should be in that position unless happy to play things the Maxwell way.

A cash price of around 97 per cent of net asset value is the going rate for investment trusts. It would leave Pergamon Press in control of BPCC with just over 50 per cent instead of 75 per cent now. The reason for Pergamon increasing its stake last March, by injecting titles from the private Pergamon Press into BPCC, now becomes more obvious.

BPCC's capitalization will grow by nearly half to £1.1 billion, taking it a little nearer to Mr Maxwell's dream of a £3 billion to £5 billion company by the 1990s.

The deal was not seen up yesterday, although there was no shortage of enthusiasm from the Philip Hill board. PHIT shareholders and the sub-underwriters of the takeover needed convincing about the near trebling of

the non-Maxwell shares in BPCC. The job of doing the City rounds fell this time to Morgan Grenfell backed by Rowe & Pitman. Hill Samuel, often BPCC's banker, was ruled out because it acts for Philip Hill and Lord Keith is also a former chairman.

Philip Hill shareholders, the largest of whom are the British Coal pension fund, Eagle Star, the Prudential and the Kuwait Investment Office, were unquestionably dissatisfied with the performance of the trust, hence their support for a plan inspired by Barclays de Zoete Wedd Investment to transform it into a British equity index-linked fund.

But dissatisfaction does not automatically make them willing recipients of BPCC paper. Some, wary of Mr Maxwell's individual approach to private and public companies, will elect for cash, though BPCC's similar 1984 takeover of Bishopsgate Trust worked out well enough.

BPCC is about to buy a US publishing company and it would be no surprise if this turns out to be one of the biggest names in the business. The rest of the trust money will go into a war chest for further US expansion.

The break-up of Philip Hill will involve an intended institutional placing of its 1.7 per cent stake in Beecham — by far its largest holding and blamed for the trust's lacklustre performance. Thus the sale will mark a double departure for Lord Keith, who has also just tied up the ends at Beecham, where he was temporary chairman, by appointing a million-dollar American successor. But the enduring banker has been prematurely retired before.

A search for miracles

The most important Australian budget for many a year just about passed muster, but left that troubled economy still in search of miracles. The first, perhaps, will be achieved by Treasurer Paul Keating if he meets his Aus\$3.5 billion 1986-87 target for the budget deficit.

This, set against an outturn of Aus\$5.73 billion for 1985-86, looks more impressive than it is. The projected Aus\$3 billion of spending cuts is supplemented by a batch-patch of tax increases and timing changes which leaves the structural deficit not greatly reduced.

The other deficit, Aus\$15 billion on current account — 6 per cent of gross domestic product — remains, as does an unacceptably high projection of 8 per cent consumer price inflation for 1986-87. Improvements in either will be slow to come through.

The budget statement talks of a firm monetary stance and the possibility of lower interest rates in the same breath. It proposes halving the next national wage increase (based on inflation in the first half) from 4 to 2 per cent. This "discounting" is much milder than the wage freeze proposed by the opposition and the Confederation of Australian Industry, but it has still to gain union acceptance.

Non-farm growth is forecast to slow from 4 to 2.5 per cent, but even this looks optimistic to most observers of the Australian economy.

The first test of the budget, after a period of severe pressure on the Australian dollar, was in the foreign exchange markets. Dealers liked the deficit figure and marked the dollar up to 64 US cents. But, on closer perusal of Mr Keating's calculations, it was shaded back.

Canal attack

Mr John Whittaker, chairman of Highams, the textile company bidding for the Manchester Ship Canal Company, has attacked the canal company's directors for considering a joint retail development at Barton Cross near Manchester city centre with the South African-owned developer Capital and Counties. Mr Whittaker says the site should be retained and developed by Manchester Ship Canal itself. He says the South African link could bring opposition to the project.

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RACING: BELLOTTO EARLY 2,000 GUINEAS FAVOURITE AFTER IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY IN ACOMB STAKES

Primary poised for the Ebor Stoute passes £2m barrier with group one double

By Mandarín (Michael Phillips)

It takes a good three-year-old to win the Tote-Ebor at York. In the past ten years only three have done so, but the three in question, Crazy, Protection Racket and Sir Montagu, all fitted the bill.

Crazy went on to finish fourth in the St Leger and second, the following season, to Petoski in the Princess of Wales's Stakes, while Protection Racket won both the Doncaster Cup and the Irish St Leger afterwards.

In France it took a horse of the class of Excller to prevent Sir Montagu from winning the Prix Royal Oak (French St Leger) after he had run away with the Ebor for his late and great trainer, Ryan Price.

Now, in napping Primary to win Yorkshire's most famous handicap, I believe that I am selecting another good three-year-old, Guy Harwood, who incidentally trained Crazy, began by running Primary this season in the Guardian Classic trial at Sandown.

Unfortunately things went wrong that day when Greville Starkey lost control of the colt after hurting his arm coming out of the stalls. So that run is best ignored. After that Primary finished fourth behind the smart Nismas at Lingfield at the beginning of May.

Primary was not seen out again until he won a handicap at Bath very easily at the end of last month. The talk that day was that Primary would not only win there, but win the Ebor as well. Backed down to 7-2 from 6-1, he duly landed the gamble on the Somerset track which in turn triggered off the plunge from 16-1 to 4-1 in the ante-post market for today's race.

My idea of the main danger is Daarkom, another pretty decent three-year-old, who probably came up against something a bit special when he was beaten by Startino at Leicester. His conqueror is considered good enough to take her chance in Thursday's Galtres Stakes.

Significantly, Michael Roberts has picked Daarkom instead of Alec Stewart's other runner, Just David, who has been penalised for winning at Goodwood, whereas Primary's weight does not include a penalty for his Bath



The Michael Jarvis-trained Just A Flutter, seen here beating Classic Tale at Newmarket, is fancied to extend his unbeaten record in today's Gimcrack Stakes at York

win as the race was not valuable enough.

Of the older horses I like White Mill the best. But I find it significant that with his weight increased by a 7lb penalty for winning at Ayr he will now be meeting Primary on 4lb worse terms than he would in future handicaps.

Harwood and his jockey Greville Starkey also have a good chance of winning the Great Voltigeur Stakes with Allez Milord, whose only failure so far was in the Derby in which he apparently pulled a muscle. His subsequent victory in the Gordon Stakes at

Goodwood was proof of his complete recovery.

Nevertheless, a line through Bonimiere, who was conceding him 6lb that day, gives both Mashkour and Nismas the slight edge. Of those two, I just prefer Nismas, who strikes me as being a sharper and casier ride.

Then, of course, there are also Authal and Moon Madness to consider. Neither have encountered such stiff opposition before but both are unbeaten this season.

With Rich Charlie, Mansooj, Chime Time, Just A Flutter, Morewoods and Wiganthorpe all standing their

ground, the Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes looks every bit as open.

While conceding that both Chime Time and Wiganthorpe have a good chance of keeping the prize in Yorkshire I still prefer Just A Flutter, who accounted for Classic Tale first time out at Newmarket. Afterwards he struck home at Thirk, seven lengths ahead of Sarinah, who had run Wiganthorpe to three lengths in his previous race.

Back to five furlongs again after twice failing to last further, the Windsor Castle Stakes winner Carol's Treasure now looks a good bet to win the Roses Stakes.

By Michael Seely

With nearly three months of the 1986 flat racing campaign still to go, Michael Seely became the first British trainer to smash the £2m barrier of prize money earned during a season after Shardari and Untold had given the Newmarket trainer a magnificent double by winning the Matchmaker International and the Yorkshire Oaks on the opening day of the Ebor meeting yesterday.

Walter Swinburn was on board Shardari, but not for the first time this season the stable jockey made the wrong choice in the Oaks. As Swinburn rode Colstrip, into fourth place, the Starkey-trained Untold past Park Express in the dying seconds of a thrilling race.

"It's been a marvellous season," said Stoute "but there's been a lot of hard graft and a lot of team work. As for Walter's work, it was very difficult. After all Colstrip had won the Irish Oaks so easily, I didn't try to influence him, as I didn't know the answer myself."

Beech Hirst's 49 victories and 112 placings in Europe have made him one of the best trainers in the British Isles and including the win of Ivor's Image in the Italian Oaks has now collected nine in the Continent. Shardari is now 7-1 second favourite to Bering for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe after a superbly gallant display in the day's big race.

Triptych also battled her best out in a desperate last-furlong struggle, but was finally beaten three-quarters of a length with Damister finishing six lengths away third.

The tactics planned by Stoute to exploit Shardari's stamina over a distance short of his best, the 12½ furlong race, were perfect. Kimberley did a perfectly timed job of pacemaking on Dithinst and as Swinburn swept into the lead on Shardari halfway up the straight a fast time had already been assured.

"The strong gallop helped as a great deal," said the winning jockey, "it took the edge off some of the others, but I never realised how close Triptych had been until I watched the video recording."

The Aga Khan is certainly also enjoying a magnificent season having already won the Shahrbanoo and the Shadari as stallions. "I wasn't too wor-

ried about the distance as York has such a long straight," the Aga said. "Shardari will now go the Ayr, but although we want Shahrbanoo to run again, there are now shareholders to be considered, so we are waiting for a little longer before reaching a decision."

Patrick Biscoe was full of admiration for his gallant runner-up. "Ten furlongs, twelve furlongs, it all comes the same to her. Her next race will be in the States and if it comes up soft, for fancy her chances of training the tables on her home ground. At the moment I've got her with me in Deauville and she goes swimming in the sea every day."

Untold's victory was the end of a happy story for Bob Cowell, the filly's breeder and also for Sheikh Mohammed, who had bought the three-year-old after she had finished runner-up to Midway Lady in the Oaks at Epsom. Out of that remarkable brood mare Unassisted, Cowell has now bred three consecutive western race winners in Shoot Catch, Sally Brown and Untold. Sally Brown captured last season's Yorkshire Oaks for the stable.

As far as next season's classics are concerned a new favourite for the 2,000 Guineas was established when Pat Eddery produced Belotto with an electrifying burst of speed a furlong and a half from home to beat Merce Cunningham by two lengths in the Acomb Stakes. Classic Tale, the 6-5 favourite found little when asked to go and take his chance and came home in fifth place.

Belotto is certainly an exciting prospect for Khalid Abdulla, who has bought the colt for \$700,000 at the Kemelend July Sale. The Mr Prospector colt excelled himself in giving 7lb and a convincing beating to the highly regarded runner-up. He's a lovely horse and has got a real 'wow' temperament," said the trainer, "I should think the plan now is one of the big autumn two-year-old races and then finish for the season."

Eddery went on to record his 154th winner of the season by giving himself and True a double when cruising to a comfortable victory on that remarkable old veteran, Valuable Witness in the Lonsdale Stakes. Starkey also had a second winner on another Khalid Abdulla horse, Osmen, when he won the Stables at Rosedale in the Melrose Handicap.

YARMOUTH

Going: good to firm

Draw: high numbers best

2.15 BOTTOM BROTHERS HANDICAP (Ladies: 21.20) 1m 8f (10 runners)

- 1 3003 HENRIADIA (M) P Prescott 5-11-0... Madras Junior 5
2 0221 NEWQUIV G Harwood 3-10-11... H W Wood 10
3 0036 TAYLORS C Nelson 4-10-7... Amanda Harwood 4
4 2122 HIKOYI D Moley 4-9-13... Melville Murray 3
5 000 WINDY HOLLOW M Francis 3-9-4... Jo Winter 1
6 011 GENERATION T (M) P Prescott 5-11-0... Tony Bayler 11
7 0044 HENRY GREY D W Chapman 10-0-0... J W Wood 10

13.00 QUICK REACTION M Ryan 3-8-12... Lynn Roberts 3
14 0-00 WOODBURY F Durr 3-8-12... Jane Armitage 11
15 0-00 SPARKLING PERFORMANCE M Sanders 3-8-12... Pina 5

11-4 Newquay, 100-300 Hykin, 9-2 Taxisid, 5-1 Quick Reaction, 8-1 Henriada, 12-1 Higham Gray, 14-1 others.

Yarmouth selections

By Mandarín

2.15 Newquay, 2.45 Absolute Heaven, 3.15 Easy Line, 3.45 Pilot Jet, 4.15 Echo Valley, 4.45 Horovos, 5.15 Sheer Jack.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Henriada, 2.45 Nightdress, 3.15 Eucharis, 3.45 Pilot Jet, 4.15 Echo Valley, 4.45 Grimesgill, 5.15 While I Last.

2.45 PLEASURE BEACH SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £260: 5f 25yo) (7)

- 1 0004 CAUSEWAY FOOT (M) N Thirler 8-11... A Murray 4
2 0041 KANAMERS R (M) W Wood 10... J W Wood 10
3 0020 ABSOLUTE HEAVEN R Mackenzie 8-8... D Nicholls 8
4 0000 SURE LIGHT (M) M Sanders 3-8-12... A Harwood 5
5 0000 LONELY LASS (M) A Harwood 5... A Harwood 5
6 0020 NIGHTDRESS (M) P Durr 3-8-12... G Duffield 2
7 3443 PHYCIS TREASURE M Britton 8-8... G Duffield 2

1-4 Nightdress, 11-2 Causeway Foot, 12-1 Absolute Heaven, 16-1 others.

3.15 LONGSHORE HANDICAP (£2,080: 7f) (16)

- 1 0001 EASY LINE P Heston 3-7-5... G French 12
2 0000 HUMBLE BEAUTY A Jarvis 3-9-5... S Woodcock 17
3 0041 KANAMERS R (M) W Wood 10... J W Wood 10
4 0040 TANG DANCER D W Chapman 10-0-0... D Nicholls 8
5 0000 LONELY LASS (M) A Harwood 5... A Harwood 5
6 0000 POINTED LADY (M) P Prescott 5-11-0... H W Wood 10
7 0013 HENRY'S VENTURE (M) W Chapman 10-0-0... J W Wood 10

1-2 Able Saint, 1-2 Maudoff, 1-1 Grinsh, 7-1 Capital Flow, 8-1 Buy Mum's Act, 10-1 Daunting Prospect, 14-1 others.

Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm

Draw advantage: doubtful

5.40 EBF FINISH STAKES (2-Y-O C & G: £1,612: 6f) (10 runners)

- 1 0001 ABLE SAINT R Armstrong 8-11... P Tink 5
2 0000 BUY MUM'S ACT J Sutcliffe 8-11... R Fox 3
3 0040 CAPITAL FLOW (M) R Harmon 8-11... B Rose 2
4 0000 DAUNTING PROSPECT P Mackenzie 8-11... P Bradwell 4
5 0000 IRISH SAILOR Pat Mitchell 8-11... P Bradwell 4
6 0000 SURE LIGHT (M) M Sanders 3-8-12... A Harwood 5
7 0000 WINDY HOLLOW M Francis 3-9-4... Jo Winter 1
8 0000 WINDY HOLLOW M Francis 3-9-4... Jo Winter 1
9 0000 WINDY HOLLOW M Francis 3-9-4... Jo Winter 1
10 0000 WINDY HOLLOW M Francis 3-9-4... Jo Winter 1

1-2 Able Saint, 7-2 Maudoff, 1-1 Grinsh, 7-1 Capital Flow, 8-1 Buy Mum's Act, 10-1 Daunting Prospect, 14-1 others.

Lingfield selections

By Mandarín

5.40 Able Saint, 6.5 Ozopolimin, 6.30 Bowl Over, 7.0 Angios Video, 7.30 Inshrah, 8.0 Solo Singer.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

5.40 Able Saint, 6.5 Ozopolimin, 6.30 Bertie Wooster, 7.30 Inshrah, 8.0 Foundry Fire.

DEVON & EXETER

Going: good

2.30 IDE NOVICE HURDLE (£742: 2m 1f) (18 runners)

- 1 0-31 BANK PARADE (C-D) J Davies 5-11-1... E Murphy 6
2 0-01 FINE SERVICE (M) R D J Barnes 5-10-10... P Nicholls 6
3 0-00 GOLDEN TRAIL (D) Roberts 5-10-10... J W Wood 10
4 10-00-0 SHEDDING (M) K Bishop 5-10-10... S Eastle 6
5 11-00-0 TOWERING G Thorner 7-10-10... R Kingston 6
6 0-00 PEN TAW (M) Hedges 4-10-7... J W Wood 10
7 0-00 CLOUD DANCER C Dodge 4-10-7... D Brown 6
8 0-00 FREE SKY J M Bradley 4-10-7... G Davies 6
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11-4 Follies Borgers, 3-1 Miss O'Avon, 4-1 Melk El Oubaidi, 5-1 East Valley, 12-1 Haines, 14-1 Estu Bonita, 20-1 others.

4.45 EVE MAIDEN APPRENTICE STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,318: 1m 10f) (10)

- 1 0001 HORWITZ J Current 9-5... S Gannon 3
2 4000 MR ADVISER (M) USA F Durr 9-0... Julie Price 9
3 0000 BRIDAN D Dale 5-0... D Price 9
4 0000 GREVILLE OYSTER R Harwood 9-0... J W Wood 10
5 0040 SURE LIGHT (M) M Sanders 3-8-12... A Harwood 5
6 0000 LONELY LASS (M) A Harwood 5... A Harwood 5
7 0000 POINTED LADY (M) P Prescott 5-11-0... H W Wood 10
8 0013 HENRY'S VENTURE (M) W Chapman 10-0-0... J W Wood 10
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5.15 COBHOIL FILLES HANDICAP (£1,710: 1m 3f 11yo) (11)

- 1 0001 TOP-TAP M Hides 4-9-10... L Wright 10
2 3322 WHILE IT LASTS (M) L Dami 3-8-12... P Nicholls 6
3 0400 GONE OVERBOARD (M) A Stewart 3-8-12... J Carter 10
4 001 SHREK LUCK I Belling 3-8-12... J Matthews 11
5 0000 GREENWELL S (M) M Pryn 5-3-3... P Nicholls 6
6 0022 TEMPEST TOSSED (M) R Armstrong 3-8-12... P Nicholls 6
7 0022 TEMPEST TOSSED (M) R Armstrong 3-8-12... P Nicholls 6
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10 0022 TEMPEST TOSSED (M) R Armstrong 3-8-12... P Nicholls 6

1-2 Able Saint, 7-2 Maudoff, 1-1 Grinsh, 7-1 Capital Flow, 8-1 Buy Mum's Act, 10-1 Daunting Prospect, 14-1 others.

7.0 SIDEWALK APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (£873: 1m 2f) (8)

- 1 0021 ANGIOS VIDEO (M) R Harmon 8-10 (Std)... A Dicks 1
2 0000 TROJAN GOD H Mackenzie 8-9-7... P Bradwell 4
3 0000 GRAND CELEBRATION (M) R Simpson 8-9-4 (Std)... P Bradwell 4
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1-2 Able Saint, 7-2 Maudoff, 1-1 Grinsh, 7-1 Capital Flow, 8-1 Buy Mum's Act, 10-1 Daunting Prospect, 14-1 others.

7.30 PULBOROUGH NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,997: 7f) (6)

- 1 102 STRIKE RATE (M) R Harmon 9-7... B Rose 4
2 101 INSHRAH (M) H Thomson Jones 9-1 (Std)... P Nicholls 6
3 0031 CASTLE HEIGHTS R Armstrong 8-12... A Murray 2
4 0023 WISE TIMES M Fisher 8-11... M Wigham 5
5 040 SAY YOU'RE MINDFUL (M) W Wood 10... J W Wood 10
6 0000 SURE LIGHT (M) M Sanders 3-8-12... A Harwood 5
7 0000 POINTED LADY (M) P Prescott 5-11-0... H W Wood 10
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1-2 Able Saint, 7-2 Maudoff, 1-1 Grinsh, 7-1 Capital Flow, 8-1 Buy Mum's Act, 10-1 Daunting Prospect, 14-1 others.

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2 2400 CRESTA LEAP R Harmon 8-11... S Dawson 2
3 0000 THUNDER (M) Pat Mitchell 8-11... P Bradwell 4
4 0020 GLINKIA SODIA R Boss 8-11... E Guest 3
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YORK

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YORK

Going: good

CRICKET: TWO LEADING TEAMS IN CHAMPIONSHIP SUFFER HEAVY DEFEATS ON THE EVE OF THEIR MEETING

Essex crash to 44 all out as the pitch takes over

COLCHESTER: Northamptonshire (24pts) beat Essex (8) by 102 runs. The scorecard almost defies credibility. Essex, requiring only 147 runs to leap-frog over Gloucestershire to the head of the Britannia Assurance County Championship table, crashed - there can be no other word - to 44 all out, the lowest score this season. They had to be content with reducing Gloucestershire's lead to 14 points. The two counties meet here today.

Essex succumbed not so much to Northamptonshire's attack, effective though it was, as to the pitch. On Monday afternoon the ball was turning sharply yesterday it was popping and coming through at varying heights in addition. The left-arm spinners, Childs and Nick Cook, bowled from one end and the medium pacers exploited a patch at the other. It was at times an implayable pitch.

Northamptonshire were a run ahead at the start of play. They soon lost Larkins, stumped by East, as he tried to hit Childs off his length. The ball turned almost square. By lunch, Boyd-Moss, Bailey, Lamb and Capel were also out. Only Lamb could be held accountable for his dismissal. He top-edged a sweep to short fine-leg, who had been moved there especially for him (notably by Fletcher, not Gooch).

Off the first ball after lunch, Waterhouse was caught at point, again the wall turning. Northamptonshire were then 125 for seven, 90 runs to the good. An important stand followed, of 43 between Harper and Nick Cook. In retrospect it was this which put the game beyond Essex. Essex had no shortage of time in which to score their runs although Gooch clearly felt the pitch was not going to

last much longer. He took two fours off the first over and one off the second, bowled by Cook, whereupon he was beaten by a grubber. East, adopting the same tactics, fell to a skier and Border, in his last innings for Essex - he flew to Australia last night, could barely add to the 1,379 runs he had previously scored for his adopted county this season. He was worked by Cook, who had yardie caught in the gully next ball.

Fletcher was also caught at gully, off a lifter from the fallender and again a wicket fell the following ball. Foster was less before pushing half forward. Pringle collected a pair, caught off a glove; Childs was run out responding to Lever's poor call; and, finally, Lever had his middle stump uprooted. The innings had lasted 20.1 overs.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 302 (A J Lamb 81, R J Bailey 83; Foster 5 for 2)

Table with 2 columns: Player, Runs. Includes: G Cook 100, R Bailey 83, A J Lamb 81, etc.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-50, 3-50, 4-50, 5-50, 6-50, 7-50, 8-50, 9-50, 10-50, 11-50, 12-50, 13-50, 14-50, 15-50, 16-50, 17-50, 18-50, 19-50, 20-50.



Easy does it: Miller en route to a maiden championship century. (Photo: Hugh Routledge).

Surrey spurred on by Clarke

Surrey strengthened their position in third place behind Essex and Gloucestershire, the leaders in the Britannia Assurance county championship, when they beat Somerset by 178 runs at Taunton, yesterday. Their seventh victory, which had been certain by mid-afternoon, had been much the doing of Sylvester Clarke, who took five wickets for 31 as Somerset collapsed in 34.3 overs in making 166.

There had been no play on Monday, and after Somerset had made 49 runs before declaring in the morning, Surrey's forfeiture of their second innings left Somerset a target of 345 runs to win in 95 overs. Yet, when Thomas bowled Rose, and Clarke brought down Felton, out and Trentford was out as Surrey moved to their fifth success. In the morning, Worcestershire, too, declared their score after a brief flourish on Monday. Leicestershire had 81 runs in the book as they moved off in their second innings, but they made a poor start, losing Balstone in the fifth over against the sword, Whitaker, Boon and Cobb, the last three to McEwan for 11 runs in 32 balls, by lunch, when Leicestershire lurched in at 67 for six, a lead of 148. De Freitas then moved to the sword, and a lively stand before both players fell to Newport who finished off the innings by taking three wickets in eight balls.

Derbyshire made a good effort to make 272 runs at Queens Park, Chesterfield, Morris, Miller and Warner made runs as Derbyshire fell against the sword, seven. Derbyshire's declaration overnight at 68 for no wicket meant that Yorkshire started out leading by 109 runs. As Barnes bowled at medium pace to between cancelled by a ring of fieldsmen in the close catching positions, and Morris, Barnes's partner impersonated Wayne Daniel, among other bowlers, so Yorkshire's batsmen helped themselves to all the runs. Birstow would need before making his challenge.

Johnson cuts loose as Notts march on

By Peter Ball. Trent Bridge Nottinghamshire (17pts) beat Lancashire (3) by seven wickets. Broad moving purposefully to reach his 50 out of 75 in 73 minutes. By the time Broad departed, mis-cueing a drive to mid-off, the paucity of Lancashire's resources had been demonstrated and Johnson took over with relief. The bowlers were allowed only two further successes, Newell's finally falling courtesy of Warren Hegg, the 18-year-old third team wicket-keeper whose summons to the Oval for last week's NatWest Trophy semi-final had proved unnecessary.

This time the call to arms as Maynard joined Fowler and Mendis on the injury list was less dramatic, but more productive as he arrived in time to catch Newell down the leg side in the final over before tea. Broad's error had only been a brief, but by then the die was cast.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 324 for 8 dec (G D Mendis 106, G Powell 57). Second Innings: N H Fairbrother not out 25, S J O'Shaughnessy not out 12, Total (1 wicket dec) 42.

Nicholas takes break

Mark Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, will miss his first match of the season when Worcestershire visit Bourne-on-Tyne today in the Britannia Assurance County Championship. Nicholas has strained a rib muscle and Paul Terry, who is only recently restored to the first eleven after a run of poor form, has taken his place as captain. The county also have doubts over Nigel Cowley, who has aggravated a back injury, but Chris Smith, who has twice broken fingers this season, is ready to rejoin the team.

With Graham Dilley away on England duty, Kent have called up Chris Peck for the game against Surrey at Dartford, while Duncan White is recalled by Northamptonshire for their home match with Nottinghamshire to replace Allan Lamb, who is also at the Oval for the third Test match.

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE. Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, L, D, Pts. Includes: Essex (9) 20, Gloucestershire (8) 19, Northamptonshire (8) 18, etc.

Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes: M J Marsh 100, R Bailey 83, A J Lamb 81, etc.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Middx v Hampshire. Table with 2 columns: Player, Runs. Includes: M J Marsh 100, R Bailey 83, A J Lamb 81, etc.

Somerset v Surrey. Table with 2 columns: Player, Runs. Includes: M J Marsh 100, R Bailey 83, A J Lamb 81, etc.

Sussex v Kent. Table with 2 columns: Player, Runs. Includes: M J Marsh 100, R Bailey 83, A J Lamb 81, etc.

Gloucestershire losing ground on final approach

By Richard Streeton

NUNEATON: Warwickshire (20 points) beat Gloucestershire (3) by 163 runs. For the second successive match, Gloucestershire, the championship leaders, found an awkward pitch worked against them. The pitch was not a good start with periods of uncertainty and with the score on 87 was fourth out as Small returned to the attack. The former Yorkshire batsman dabbled a catch to second slip in the fast bowler's first over. Soon afterwards Small had Stovold leg before as the batsman pushed forward.

There was still hope for Gloucestershire while Athey played. He made 50 good strokes with periods of uncertainty and with the score on 87 was fourth out as Small returned to the attack. The former Yorkshire batsman dabbled a catch to second slip in the fast bowler's first over. Soon afterwards Small had Stovold leg before as the batsman pushed forward.

With half of the side out for 98, there was a hint of desperation as Lloyds sowing his last freely against Gifford. For a time it worked and 47 runs were added in seven overs before Lloyds holed out to deep mid-wicket. A reflex catch by Moles at forward short-leg brought Gifford Russell's wicket. Walsh hit Kerr for a huge six over long on before the off-spinner had him caught in the deep.

Curran's strokes included three leg-side sixes against Gifford as he scored 57 in 75 minutes, but the left-arm spinner eventually had him held at silly point via bat and pad. Gifford is now only 10 wickets short of becoming the 10th post-war bowler to reach 2,000 wickets in his career. The match ended when Lawrence gave Kerr a return catch.

Warwickshire batted for 55 minutes. Smith and Moles scored 102 runs. They were fed easy runs, the stand was interesting as it continued a remarkable sequence for these two.

In the past six championship innings they have launched their side with stands of 161 and 155 against Somerset, 77 and 57 against Kent, and 60 and 102 unbroken in this game. Moles, who is 25, and a former Birmingham League player with Molesley, has in his scored 453 runs (average 64.71) in his first six county matches.

A calamitous start for Gloucestershire came when Tomlin was caught behind from Small's fifth ball. Reamains out-ordered Athey in a promising second-wicket stand.

Warwickshire: First Innings 281 for 9 dec (A J Moles 100, Lloyds 57 for 24). Second Innings: P A Smith not out 70, A Moles not out 12, Extras (b 2, w 1) 12, Total (0 wicket dec) 102.

Johnson cuts loose as Notts march on

By Peter Ball. Trent Bridge Nottinghamshire (17pts) beat Lancashire (3) by seven wickets. Broad moving purposefully to reach his 50 out of 75 in 73 minutes. By the time Broad departed, mis-cueing a drive to mid-off, the paucity of Lancashire's resources had been demonstrated and Johnson took over with relief. The bowlers were allowed only two further successes, Newell's finally falling courtesy of Warren Hegg, the 18-year-old third team wicket-keeper whose summons to the Oval for last week's NatWest Trophy semi-final had proved unnecessary.

This time the call to arms as Maynard joined Fowler and Mendis on the injury list was less dramatic, but more productive as he arrived in time to catch Newell down the leg side in the final over before tea. Broad's error had only been a brief, but by then the die was cast.

Nicholas takes break

Mark Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, will miss his first match of the season when Worcestershire visit Bourne-on-Tyne today in the Britannia Assurance County Championship. Nicholas has strained a rib muscle and Paul Terry, who is only recently restored to the first eleven after a run of poor form, has taken his place as captain. The county also have doubts over Nigel Cowley, who has aggravated a back injury, but Chris Smith, who has twice broken fingers this season, is ready to rejoin the team.

With Graham Dilley away on England duty, Kent have called up Chris Peck for the game against Surrey at Dartford, while Duncan White is recalled by Northamptonshire for their home match with Nottinghamshire to replace Allan Lamb, who is also at the Oval for the third Test match.

FOR THE RECORD

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Surfing UK: tuning into the right wavelength as the Foxters Masters gets underway at Newquay yesterday

HORSE TRIALS

Storyteller easily passes his trial

By Jenny MacArthur

Richard Walker negotiated the difficult intermediate course at the Carter Jonas Everdon horse trials in Northamptonshire yesterday with precision, ease, and won his section on Storyteller II by four points from Emma Holby with Maple Trolley.

Walker, who came seventh at Gatcombe Park horse trials last weekend on Accumulator, was held up during his round for several minutes due to an accident at fence six where Sophie Martindale, four points behind, was talking to leg Princess Anne, who competed in the same section on Tod, had a good round and finished in eighth place. She said afterwards that she was talking to the Scottish championships this weekend.

The other intermediate section was won by Lucinda Henson on the novice one rode with large numbers finishing clear and within the time. In section one, John Williams had his first win with the five-year-old Bussman's Holiday. He was surprised that she was talking to leg Princess Anne, who competed in the same section on Tod, had a good round and finished in eighth place. She said afterwards that she was talking to the Scottish championships this weekend.

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The New Zealander, Ross Renwick, winner of section three with Mrs Sue Nock's Talisman V, was pleasantly surprised at the way the six-year-old gelding has taken to eventing. He was bought in the spring in New Zealand by a potential working hunter, but an accident on the road which blossomed his knees, halted his career in the show ring and they decided to try him at eventing.

On this other novice horse, Comic Venture, it was the dressage that kept him just outside the placings. He had thought that the six-year-old gelding had done a good test, but the judges thought otherwise.

HOCKEY

Dixon gives England first victory from a Correspondent Amsterdam

England won their first match of the women's world cup tournament here yesterday when they beat their old rivals Scotland, in Pool A. England, fielding a changed side hoping for better fortune, moved 2-0 to the left defence in place of Rule and brought in Howell to improve their chances of converting penalty corners, which had been a big weakness. The plan worked when England gained an early penalty stroke following a Holwell strike at a corner which Dixon converted, her third in the competition.

Much of the match was a four struggle with England early looking likely to make a further addition to the score. Scotland pressed forward in the second half but England's defence were never really troubled and they held on for a victory which kept them in fourth place behind Scotland in the pool. The win should give them heart to tackle the lively young Canadian side in their final pool game today.

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Commercial success and entertainment keep the fans happy while United chase that elusive prize



Time warp: Matt Busby holds aloft the trophy the last time Manchester United won the League in 1967 while Martin Edwards (right), the club's present chairman, is hoping for a quick return to the glory days.

Atkinson walking on a knife-edge

Manchester United have not won the League title since 1967 despite spending a small fortune on an array of players and five changes of manager. In the second of a four-part series David Miller looks at their prospects for 1986/87

When Bobby Charlton played in his first FA Cup final at the age of 19 against Aston Villa in 1957 he had not that season been sure of his place in the team. At Old Trafford there were two other exceptional inside forwards, as they were then called, in Violet and Whelan.

Violet could also play centre forward, as well as Hidekuni, Don Revie or Ronnie Allen or, later, Johnny Byrne, yet Matt Busby still bought Taylor from Barnsley for a then astounding £30,000. At outside left there were two brilliant dribblers, Scanlan and Pegg. It is not new for Manchester United to have more players than they are able to fit in a team.

It was easier, of course, for Busby in those good old days, because there was a bad old maximum wage. He paid it to anyone in the first team squad, irrespective of age, which was unheard of at the time; the Central League reserve team used to get attendances of five figures and the competition to get into the first team was feverish. Because there was less tactical organization than now, it was simpler to make team changes, opting for a particular individual who was on form.

There was resentment of United's financial power. Duncan Edwards, born within a bus ride of Wolverhampton Wanderers, signed for United, and died following the Munich air crash, aged 21, leaving several thousand pounds which he could never have saved out of a weekly maximum wage of £18. In the national mourning after the crash, Bob Lord, the chairman of Burnley, who was to football what Les Dawson was to television but without the intentional humour, bluntly stated that United should not expect the rest of the League to come to their aid in selling players.

Ron Atkinson has too many players. He goes out and buys them rather in the way Jackie Kennedy, when she became Mrs Onassis, went out and bought shoes; by the dozen, on a whim. Even his chairman, Martin Edwards, thinks he probably has too many. Just look at the bloodstock list of Atkinson's five years at Old Trafford, in alphabetical order: Barnes, Brazz, Davenport, Colin Gibson, Terry Gibson, Gidman, Moses, Olsen, Robson, Sievebeck, Stapleton, Strachan.

And still no League title. When United squandered a 10-point lead last season - which I predicted when Robson was first injured late in 1985 - it was widely expected that this summer Atkinson would suffer the fate of McGuinness, O'Farrell, Docherty and Sexton, all sacked for failing to regain the title which Busby lost two years ago. But no, Atkinson continues.

Part of the reason is that United, in company with only three other clubs over the past 25 years, Spurs, West Ham and to a lesser extent Liverpool, have kept entertainment ahead of prize-winning as a priority. Sexton was dismissed because the Old Trafford public was not happy. Atkinson stays because, to an extent, they are. The chairman recognizes this fact. Gate receipts of over £4 million helped to pave the way.

"I'm not ignoring the winning of trophies," Martin Edwards says, "but we could win the League yet still bore the pants off everyone. Of course the public want trophies, but it's not the be-all and end-all of what we try to give them. The chairman should never say, 'If we don't win the League, the manager's out.' You have to judge things at the end of the season. It does depend partly on whether the supporters are happy. You can win the Cup and come second in the League, and be unhappy.

"Obviously, it's been a long time to go without the League title and the longer it goes the more the pressure builds up on everyone at the club. But to keep harping on about it doesn't help the management or the players."

The fact that Edwards and his wife, Susan, own 61 per cent of Manchester United share capital, and that his salary as the first chief executive chairman in English football was £85,000 in 1984, tends to make people consider that if United fall short of their primary target, it is as much the chairman's responsibility as the manager's. After all, that's how it is at ICI or British Oxygen.

Edwards, however, denies that he controls or influences Atkinson's team affairs. He claims he doesn't speak to the manager any more than the majority of club chairmen. "Ron would say, I think, that I'm not an interfering chairman," he says. "He sinks or swims depending on his success."

Some of the controversy surrounding Edwards lies in the fact that he receives a percentage of the club's working profit and also of transfer fee income when in profit. In business practice, this is not an uncommon occurrence, yet the morality is in question in sport; though I have always been one to advocate better commercial administration of football clubs. Edwards,

elected to the board at 24 under the chairmanship of his father, Louis, in 1970, became chief executive in 1982: since when Busby has left the board in controversial circumstances to become president, and old-time directors Bill Young and Alan Gibson have departed to make way for younger business or professional men.

Public cynicism about United's internal affairs, and sensitivity among officials within the club, was increased by television exposure of certain malpractices in 1981. Edwards defends his relatively recent bonus incentive and makes the reasonable claim that much of United's huge commercial success arises from shrewd ground development which other clubs in, say, London, could have established more readily than they have at Old Trafford.

"People overlook that in the transfer market we are net buyers, not net sellers," he says. "Any bonus on transfer profit - now one per cent - is decided by the board in my absence, not by me. It could be nothing. All I'm interested in is making the club successful. It's not a matter of luck that we're so commercially profitable."

That profitability comes, in part, from 650 executive box dining seats with a view of the pitch and a further 850 executive club members. The working profit in 1984 was £1.7 million; yet in 1985-86 the current account was £2.7 million overdrawn on the purchase of the Gibsons, Davenport and Sievebeck, pending the August 1 transfer of Hughes to Barcelona for £2 million. "We weren't going to sit on the Hughes cash which we knew was coming," Edwards says.

The question on the field, therefore, is whether Atkinson has the knowledge to blend and get the best from his profusion of supermarket talent. This, up to now, is doubtful, never mind that he had several injuries last season. United won the FA

Cup in 1983 and 1985 without ever looking truly consistent in the League. With the departure of Hughes, and possible continuing problems with Robson's fitness, this season more than ever will test Atkinson's judgement of balance and integration. His virtues are those he showed as a positive though limited wing-half with Oxford United and as manager of West Bromwich Albion: a whole-hearted enthusiasm for attack.

"The danger with having too many players is that you can have discontent among those out of the team," Edwards says, "but the advantage is that when you have injuries like last year, the additional players help you to get through."

The slightly cruel feeling is that Atkinson will need injuries this season to help him sort out a formation. Edwards, however, is more worried about the long-term effect of an absence from European competition. "It didn't make too much difference for the spectators' point of view last season," he says, "and there's never a guarantee that you will survive for several rounds. But it does produce revenue and its loss may cause us to cut our cloth accordingly, when we are already hard-pressed to compete for players with the top foreign clubs. When Hughes still had a year of his previous contract to run, it made sense to give him a new five-year contract containing an option for him to go if he wished, so as to protect our transfer fee value."

The board, interestingly, must decide what is Edwards's transfer fee bonus when the Hughes fee is fed into the 1986-87 accounts. It would be better for everyone's equilibrium were United at last to win the title again.

TOMORROW

Glasgow Rangers: will the tide run royal blue for Graeme Souness?

SPEEDWAY

England given a scare

By Keith Macklin

Although there was never any real danger that England would be relegated from group A to group B of the World Team Cup, the illness which gave a threat infection to Neil Everts caused a last-minute scare.

Everts, the Bradford rider, was unable to take part in the final leg on his home track and when Simon Wigg ran out of steam in his final race and Lance King swept through to put the United States into second place behind Denmark, England were in an unhappy position. Mercifully, Sweden had a nightmare time on the Odels track and they dropped down into group B.

However, it was not a happy meeting for England in several ways. Their total of 29 points was spread out among four riders, with no outstanding performance. Kelvia Tatum scored eight, Simon Wigg, Chris Norton and Jeremy Doncaster got seven each, and Marryn Cox was scoreless.

In these circumstances it is surprising that Eric Boocock and Colin Pratt, the joint England managers, want to stay on in their positions for at least another season. Boocock and Pratt must be either masochists or gluttons for punishment, or perhaps they have seen something in English speedway performances that others have failed to spot.

It could be that Boocock, always an optimist as rider and manager, has worked out that in speedway, as in most professional sports, success comes and goes in cycles. England, Sweden, the United States and now Denmark have succeeded each other in dominating the sport, and Boocock and Pratt must be hoping that England's turn cannot be too far away.

On Saturday week England's riders have their final chance to salvage something out of a poor season by making a show in the world individual championships at Katowice.

Denmark are confidently expecting to fill the first two places with Gundersen and Nielsen, and it is hard to see anyone stopping this pair taking the top two places for the third time in a row. The best England can hope for is a series of respectable down-field scores.

Chris Norton, the Belle Vue rider, has turned to an unusual source for help in his preparation for Katowice. He has called in a martial arts expert named Master Teddy to give him a programme of diet and exercise, together with powerful mental concentration.

FOOTBALL

QPR hesitate over fee asked for Lee

Queen's Park Rangers, interested in signing Sammy Lee, the Liverpool and England midfielder, have been unable to agree a fee with the Anfield club. Lee, aged 27, has had talks at Loftus Road, but Rangers are believed to be holding back because of the estimated £225,000 valuation placed on him by last season's League and FA Cup winners.

A fortnight ago QPR also had a £200,000 offer turned down for Trevor Hebbard, of Oxford United. The player said he preferred to stay at the Manor Ground.

Middlesbrough's fund-raising match against Manchester United at Ayresome Park tonight was in the balance last night because the official receiver had not opened the ground that was closed three weeks ago when the club were wound up in the High Court.

However, the Football League have accepted a rescue package and Middlesbrough hope to complete legal negotiations before their opening home game of the season, against Port Vale on Saturday.

Jimmy Quinn, Blackburn Rovers' Northern Ireland forward, has been advised to continue training in the hope of breaking down a troublesome foot injury.

Wales may have to turn down invitations to play in Turkey and the Middle East because of their programme in the European Championship. The Welsh must travel to Helsinki to meet

Finland in their opening qualifying match on September 10, but then have a six-month break before playing the return fixture at Wrexham.

However, Alan Evans, secretary of the Welsh FA, explained: "We have been offered a game in the Middle East next month, but it looks as though we will have to turn it down because the suggested dates are not suitable for us."

On top of that Turkey have offered to play Wales in March in an attempt to gain experience of the British style of play before tackling England and Northern Ireland in their European Championship group. Once again, however, the date is incompatible with the Welsh schedule.

Dave Watson, the Norwich striker, is to have a meeting with the club chairman, Robert Chase, following the rejection of an estimated £700,000 bid from Everton.

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Romania walk off in protest

The Romanian football team walked off the pitch in the semi-final of an international tournament in Jakarta, complaining the Malaysian referee was biased in favour of the hosts, Indonesia.

The Romanians left the pitch one minute into extra time after making a series of complaints to the referee. The score at the time was 1-1 after the match official had allowed a disputed goal in Indonesia in the sixth minute of injury time.

The 25,000-strong crowd at Jakarta's Sanayay stadium booed and booed the referee. The East Europeans strode off to give the hosts a place in the final of the Independence Cup. Indonesia now meet Algeria, who beat a Brazilian side 1-0 in the other semi-final.

Although police went on to the field when some of the crowd invaded the pitch, there no serious disturbances.

Aston Villa, missing Andy Gray, Mark Walters and Neale Cooper through injury, could be without Paul Elliott for Saturday's home game against Tottenham Hotspur. The centre-half has still not recovered from an ankle injury sustained in pre-season training.

Gordon Owen, the 27-year-old Burnley winger, has signed a two-year contract with Bristol City and is expected to make his debut at home to Bury on Saturday.

Howlett's agony and ecstasy

By Barry Pickthall

David Howlett, principal helmsman aboard Robert Bottomley's Decosol car Race, hobbled ashore at Torquay early yesterday, the delight of winning the 335-mile second heat in the Three Quarter Ton Cup World Championship, hiding the pain he had endured for 63 hours after twisting his knee badly at the start of this race on Saturday.

The Rob Humphreys-designed Decosol, which is forced to race with its name covered to avoid protest under rule 26 barring overt commercialism, was placed second at the start of the final 53-mile leg back from a mid-Channel mark south of Poole. It was 10th at the previous buoy off Start Point but recovered to finish in Torbay at 3.36 am, five minutes ahead of Graham Walker's Indulgence.

The second-placed British yacht, winner of the first inshore race on Friday, now leads the series overall with 76.25 points. Howlett is 0.75 ahead of Decosol, with a leading Danish entry, Frontrunner, just on 73.

However, this situation could change today if the international jury allow a request from Robert Bottomley to re-open the protest against Frontrunner, which failed to answer a recall after being judged over the line at the start of the first race. Originally, the jury was not satisfied with the evidence given by the sponsor on the committee boat, and the Danish crew filed a protest of doubt. But photographs now available may prove the yacht was clear of the line when the gun fired.

If this is the case, and the jury overturn their original decision, Decosol's position in that race would be pushed up to third and give the British boat an overall lead in the championship.

Tony Canning's Lion led a place on the final leg to finish fourth, and now holds fifth place overall. The British boat, which overtook six boats on this final off-wind leg by setting a blast rumber and sailing above the rhumb line instead of attempting to fly a symmetrical.

Others fell badly, the most spectacular tumble being the Swedish crew on Zorro, who failed to note an amendment in their sailing instructions, and went for the wrong finish line off Torquay Pier, and lost 10 places sailing back out to Torbay to finish correctly.

David Howlett was still in considerable pain last night and it was doubtful whether he would be able to steer Decosol in today's second inshore race. The skipper, Robert Bottomley, was also faced with finding a second substitute for Matthew Sheahan, who suffered a recurrence of black-out during this last offshore race. Last night, he put in a request for two substitute crewmen - David Robinson, a sailmaker, who steered the boat during the British trials, and Peter Weedon, who will be brought in as a replacement for Sheahan.

RESULTS: Three Quarter Ton Cup: Long Island (G. Howlett), 2. Indulgence (G. Walker), 3. Frontrunner (J. Apperson, Denmark), 4. Lion (A. Canning), 5. Harrier (G. Phipps, Germany), 6. Other British places: 7. Showdown (L. Howlett), 8. Weymouth (C. Cowley), 9. Puffin (A. Canning), 10. S. S. S. (A. Canning), 11. S. S. S. (A. Canning), 12. Jura (M. P. Howlett), 13. Indulgence (G. Walker), 14. Frontrunner (J. Apperson), 15. Lion (A. Canning), 16. Harrier (G. Phipps), 17. Showdown (L. Howlett), 18. Weymouth (C. Cowley), 19. Puffin (A. Canning), 20. S. S. S. (A. Canning), 21. S. S. S. (A. Canning), 22. Jura (M. P. Howlett), 23. Indulgence (G. Walker), 24. Frontrunner (J. Apperson), 25. Lion (A. Canning), 26. Harrier (G. Phipps), 27. Showdown (L. Howlett), 28. Weymouth (C. Cowley), 29. Puffin (A. Canning), 30. S. S. S. (A. Canning), 31. S. S. S. (A. Canning), 32. Jura (M. P. Howlett), 33. Indulgence (G. Walker), 34. Frontrunner (J. Apperson), 35. Lion (A. Canning), 36. Harrier (G. Phipps), 37. 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Today's television and radio programmes

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BBC 1

00 Ceefax AM Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood. 8.25 and 8.55 regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.55; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37; plus Beverly Aik's fashion tips; and the latest pop music charts at 8.04. 09 Dudley Do-Right. Cartoon series about a 1920s mountaineer. 10 Adventure serial about a young man who runs away from a circus. (r) (Oracle) 10.30 Newsround Special. News presented by John Craven, this week touring in the south west. 10.55 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Part one of a six-part cartoon. 11.00 Heartbeat. A new approach to art, with Tony Hart and Gabrielle Brashaw. (r) 10.25 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. (r) 10.30 Play School (r) 11.00 Gharbar. A programme of Eastern music presented by Sarina Khan. Among those performing are singers Priya Kassar, Mahesh Sudra, Samina Kabeel and Usaid Ghulam Mustafa. The Great Indian Dancers perform a Bharata dance. 11.15 Ceefax. 11.20 News After Noon, with Chris Lowe and Sue Carpenter, includes news headlines with subtitles. 1.25 Regional news. The weather details from Michael Fish. 1.30 Clock-a-Dot. A See-Saw programme for the very young. (r) 1.45 Ceefax. 2.30 News. 4.25 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. Harry and his neighbour, Ralph, clash over a new swimming-pool in the back-yard. 4.45 Heidi. Heidi has been looking forward to Klara's visit, but doesn't know that her friend is about to take such a long journey. (r) 5.10 Fame. More dramas concerning the students and staff of the New York drama school. (r) 6.00 News with Nicholas. 6.35 Whitchell and Frances Coverdale. Weather. London Plus, presented by Gavin Ester and Linda Mitchell. 7.00 Wogan. Among tonight's guests are Hollywood and Broadway actor E. G. Marshall, star of The Defenders; Chapman Pincher, one of the best-informed about international espionage; and pop singers John Parr and Meat Loaf, who sing a new number entitled Rock and Roll Menorah. 7.40 News with Nicholas. 8.10 The World at One. 8.35 Whitchell and Frances Coverdale. Weather. 9.00 News with Nicholas. 9.35 Whitchell and Frances Coverdale. Weather. 10.00 News with Nicholas. 10.35 Whitchell and Frances Coverdale. Weather. 11.00 News with Nicholas. 11.35 Weather.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Adrian Brown. News with Geoff Meade at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; cartoons at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; Giles Brandrith traces the origin of Punch and Judy shows at 8.20 and 8.50; special guests are Sir Anthony Quayle and Cyd Charisse. 8.45 Wacadey presented by Timmy Mallett. The special guest is Arabella Warner of The Wide Awake Club.

ITV LONDON

8.25 Thames News headlines followed by Survival: Sales' Last Leap? The life of the Atlantic salmon. (r) 8.50 Mica. Further adventures of a young man taking a Leland tender to the Paris Zoo. 10.20 sport at 10.20. The story of Paul Gaultier, who created his own mime company. 10.35 Fireball XL5. Adventures in space. (r) 11.00 The Story of the World. Cartoons. 11.30 About Britain. David Richardson's guide through the world of heresy. 12.00 The Little Green Man. Adventures of a visitor from outer space. (r) 12.10 Our Backyard. (r) 12.30 Hair. Trevor Sorbie demonstrates perming, and introduces Yvonne Williams, a black hair stylist. (r) 1.00 News with Alastair Stewart. 1.30 Thames News. 1.30 Man in a Suitcase. Adventure. 2.30 Masses. Carols. Beresford-Cooke demonstrates the use of massage for problems of the back and neck. 4.45 Heidi. Heidi has been looking forward to Klara's visit, but doesn't know that her friend is about to take such a long journey. (r) 5.10 Fame. More dramas concerning the students and staff of the New York drama school. (r) 6.00 News with Nicholas. 6.35 Whitchell and Frances Coverdale. Weather. London Plus, presented by Gavin Ester and Linda Mitchell. 7.00 Wogan. Among tonight's guests are Hollywood and Broadway actor E. G. Marshall, star of The Defenders; Chapman Pincher, one of the best-informed about international espionage; and pop singers John Parr and Meat Loaf, who sing a new number entitled Rock and Roll Menorah. 7.40 News with Nicholas. 8.10 The World at One. 8.35 Whitchell and Frances Coverdale. Weather. 9.00 News with Nicholas. 9.35 Whitchell and Frances Coverdale. Weather. 10.00 News with Nicholas. 10.35 Whitchell and Frances Coverdale. Weather. 11.00 News with Nicholas. 11.35 Weather.

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appeared to have had only a brief and nodding acquaintance with it. These are all signs. The losses are Tony Morphet's screenplay which is not a patch on James Bond's (more faint praise), and a wretchedly inadequate performance by Peter Cousseins in the old Michael Wilding role of the deus ex machina. Part two of Under Capricorn tomorrow night. STUART PATTERSON IN TRACTION (BBC2, 9.25pm) is literally a hopeless play. A would-be suicide lies shattered in a hospital bed while, all around him, ostensibly on a mission of good cheer, are a bunch of obstinate juvenile delinquents on the verge of an almighty punch-up. Even the

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Here's Looking at You. Ends at 7.25. 8.00 Ceefax. 12.45 Open University: Resource Utilization. How two successful British companies are saving energy. 1.10 Patterns for Living. The issues that arise when the mentally handicapped seek employment. 1.35 The Story of the World. Probing the structure of solids with microscopes using x-rays and neutrons. 2.00 Ceefax. 5.25 News Summary with subtitles. Weather. 5.30 King of the Hill. The last of the repeated series of films by award-winning cameraman Simon King, who spent a year observing and filming the life of a family in the south of England. 6.00 Film: Kick (1978) starring Jim Baker and Malachi McCourt. Comedy adventure with a sporting background about a football coach who, after being dismissed from his post, takes a job teaching dog obedience. Directed by Sean Cunningham. 7.30 Designers. The last in the series examining the role and status of designers in industry. Plus an account of how the Hoover company marketed a new product. 8.00 The Sun, Tears of the Moon. Kings for a Day: In the seventh of his eight-part series about South America, Jack Pizzardi goes to Rio, where he discovers the reality behind the apparent mingling of races at the annual carnival. He follows the carnival preparations of two rival teams: a black group from the slums and a team sponsored by a white entrepreneur from the slums. 9.00 The 19th. Corporal Phil Walker's plans to marry a local Korean girl and take her with him when he is shipped home in two days. Directed by Robert, not only by officious, but by his intended wife. 9.25 ScreenPlay: In Traction. A black comedy by Stuart Patterson, starring Robert Patterson, John McEwan and Robert Patterson. (r) 10.15 Harry Goes to Edinburgh. Russell Harty with his nightly report on events and investigations in the Edinburgh Festival. 10.45 Newsnight. The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day. With Peter Snow, Donald MacCormick and Olivia O'Leary. 11.30 Open University. Romantics: An examination of the Romantic response to nature in poetry and painting. (r) 12.00 Dominance and Suburbia: Fibreglass monkeys demonstrate the relationships involved in a hierarchy. (r) Ends at 12.30.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Channel 4 Racing from York. 8.00 Ceefax. 8.30 The Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes (3.45); and the Great Voltigeur Stakes (4.15). 4.30 Dancin' Days. Another episode of the drama series set in Rio de Janeiro. 5.30 The Abbott and Costello Show. 'Abbott and Costello are judges in a film festival. The controversial film they judge is a gift towards the rent from a friend. 6.00 Family Ties. American comedy series. 6.30 Flashback: On the Meats Test. The fourth in the series which shows how the British Government used to document family life from film clips about the 1930s, the decade in which the Conservative Government introduced the Means Test. There is an extract from a film drama of Walter Greenwood's best-selling novel 'Lads on the Move' and from Edgar Anstey's classic 'Enough to Eat'. (r) (Oracle) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald. 7.50 Ceefax. With his views on a matter of topical importance is Jack MacArthur from Scotland. 8.00 Changing Times. The second of Denis Mitchell's documentaries based on five different museums in the United Kingdom. 8.30 The Triumph of Capitalism. In the second in a series of four discussion programmes about the nature of modern capitalism. Professor John Hannah of the London School of Economics asserts that anyone, regardless of their background, can be an entrepreneur. 9.00 The First of Two-Part Drama Set in Colonial New South Wales. Starring Lisa Harrow, John Hallam and the British Royal Family. 11.00 Schubert: I Was Born Stranger. A film, by the experimental Viennese director, Tibus Labor, which explores the personality of Schubert. The film is based on two songs: The Erl King and The Dwarf; the second concentrates on last part of Schubert's life through his later symphonies. 12.10 Eddie Gold. Continuing his anthology of poems the poet Christopher Logue with Lane Aikin, reads two poems about burials: Elegy by Robert Bridges and Tract by William Carlos Williams. Ends at 12.30.

Radio 4

On long wave. VHF stereo variations at end. 5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News briefing: 6.05 Ceefax. 6.25 Prayer (r). 6.30 Today. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 News. 8.45 A Night to Remember. Part 3 of the story of the Titanic (r). 8.57 Weather. 9.00 News. 9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Office. Dr Anthony Clare talks to Mrs Wendy Savage, the controversial gynaecologist and abortionist (r). 9.40 The Good Woman. A tale about the headless Irish Dulaian. Read by Angela Thorne. 10.00 News. Pionics. Susan Marling listens to the Birmingham News. 10.30 Morning Show. Parting Shot by Malcolm Sibley. Read by John Westcott. 10.45 Daily Dispatch. 11.00 News. Travel. Earthquake UK. David Attenborough traces the history of earthquakes in Britain (r). 11.48 Last Words. Sir Peter Parker reveals to Ron Kettle his three secrets of life. 12.00 News. Consumer advice, with John Horton. 12.27 I'm No Longer Sorry! Haven't A Clue and Why Should I? Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the history of the game with Mike Harding, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke Taylor. 1.00 The World at One. News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping. 2.00 News. Woman's House. With Susan Marling. 3.00 News. The Afternoon Play. Three Points of Contact by Charles Ryder. With Nicholas Fry. A tale of delinquent youngsters (r). 3.47 Letter from the Slacks. David Sean files a personal report on rural life (r). 4.00 News. 4.05 Being a Homophile in Fetter. Suzanne Burden reads from the journals and letters of Fanny Kemble. 4.18 South-East Europe

Radio 3

On VHF only. 6.35 Open University. Unit 1. Open University. University Magazine. On medium wave only. 7.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Ceefax. 7.25 Concerts

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF. News on the hour. Sports Desk. 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.02, 6.02, 6.45 (m) only, 9.55. 4.00pm Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Tom Brumby 8.30 Ken Bruce 11.40 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Gerard Harper 2.05 Arma Jones 3.10 Paul Jones 3.10 David Hamilton and Racing from York (5.50-6.00 Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Folk on 2.00 Jim McLeod (Scottish Dance Party from Auchincloss) 8.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Jimmy Jewel Remembered. Jimmy Jewel looks back over his career 10.15 Tony and Stud Swainston 10.30 Michael Frayn (Radio 4 Series) 11.00 Round Midnight from Edinburgh 1.00am Nightdrive 3.00-4.00 A Late Night Music.

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WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsweek. 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News. 7.05 Twenty Four Hours. 7.20 Development 8.05 News 8.20 Report 8.35 Classical Record Review 8.30 Brain of Britain 8.45 News 8.55 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 8.30 Financial News 8.40 Local Area 8.45 A. 8.50 News 9.00 News 9.05 News 9.10 News 9.15 News 9.20 News 9.25 News 9.30 News 9.35 News 9.40 News 9.45 News 9.50 News 9.55 News 10.00 News 10.05 News 10.10 News 10.15 News 10.20 News 10.25 News 10.30 News 10.35 News 10.40 News 10.45 News 10.50 News 10.55 News 11.00 News 11.05 News 11.10 News 11.15 News 11.20 News 11.25 News 11.30 News 11.35 News 11.40 News 11.45 News 11.50 News 11.55 News 12.00 News 12.05 News 12.10 News 12.15 News 12.20 News 12.25 News 12.30 News 12.35 News 12.40 News 12.45 News 12.50 News 12.55 News 1.00 News 1.05 News 1.10 News 1.15 News 1.20 News 1.25 News 1.30 News 1.35 News 1.40 News 1.45 News 1.50 News 1.55 News 2.00 News 2.05 News 2.10 News 2.15 News 2.20 News 2.25 News 2.30 News 2.35 News 2.40 News 2.45 News 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Souness pays for his indiscretion as SFA get tough

By Hugh Taylor

The turbulent match between Hibernian and Rangers on the opening day of the season has resulted in both clubs being fined and the Rangers' player/manager, Graeme Souness, being suspended for a further three matches.

The incidents in the game which led to Souness being ordered off and eight other players cautioned, were described yesterday as "the most serious witnessed in Scottish football in recent years" and the fines and suspensions indicate that the Scottish Football Association will in future deal out even more severe punishment if violent play is not curbed.

Rangers were fined £5,000, Hibernian, £1,000, and Souness given a further three-match suspension in addition to the automatic ban which caused him to miss the game against Falkirk. These were the decisions of the SFA disciplinary and referee committee who met to investigate the stormy game at Easter Road.

While some may feel that the fines and suspensions amount to little more than slaps on the wrist, Hibernian believe they have been hard done by, saying they were the innocent party in the incidents. Their manager, John Blackley, indicated last night that he will appeal against the findings of the committee.

Rangers, who have accepted "full responsibility for their part in the misbehaviour and have apologised unreservedly to the SFA," may be only too glad to have a disgraceful episode in their history forgotten. Campbell Ogilvie, their secretary, said: "The disciplinary measures imposed by

the Scottish Football Association have been accepted by Rangers Football Club. The club has no intention of appealing against the decisions of a governing body."

The indignation of the SFA at the unruly behaviour of the players at Easter Road was made plain in a statement read after the meeting by the president, David Will, of Brechin City, who is a solicitor.

He said: "Having spent most of the close season



Souness: three match ban

stressing that every effort was to be made to stamp out violent conduct and serious indiscipline on the field, the Association was appalled to learn that the first day of the new season had been marred by one of the most serious incidents witnessed in Scottish football in recent years.

"It is a relief that we are able to record that actions by players which would have led to a riot had they occurred on the terracing did not spark off catastrophic crowd trouble.

"The Association wish to make it clear that the behav-

our of the type witnessed will not be tolerated in the Scottish game." After fining Rangers, the committee pointed out that "this was the third major incident in which players of that club had been involved in the past two seasons."

A year ago Rangers were fined £2,000 after a deplorable match with Aberdeen and a few weeks before that, some of their players and a few of those of Heart of Midlothian were given extra suspensions after a violent game.

Souness, whose introduction to Scottish League football has been disastrous, his expensively built team having failed to impress, is understood to have been severely criticized in the report of the referee supervisor at Easter Road for the incident which left George McCluskey of Hibernian requiring nine stitches in a knee wound. That tackle led to the dismissal of Souness but not before there was a mêlée involving 21 players in the centre circle.

The committee has also decided that two penalty points will be added to the current records of all players involved in that incident — "that is to say, all players then on the field, with the sole exception of player number one of Hibernian." He is Alan Rough, the Scottish international goalkeeper, who had the good sense to remain on his goal-line, looking aghast at the fighting, Souness, then, now finds himself on nine penalty points and one more booking will cost him another match suspension.

One of the three matches the player/manager will miss is the Glasgow derby match with Celtic at the end of the month.

CYCLING

Pierce is the revelation

From John Wilcockson, Colorado

With five days remaining in the Coors International Classic, there are French leaders in both sections of the race.

Bernard Hinault has an advantage of 1min 16sec over Jeff Pierce, of the United States, with Phil Anderson, of Australia, in third place in the men's section. And Jeannie Longo, the 1985 world champion, is almost two minutes ahead of Inga Thompson, the American who came third last month in the women's Tour de France.

There was no racing yesterday when the two race entourages moved down from the high Rocky Mountains to the foothills. This change in elevation from 10,000 to 5,000 feet should be to the advantage of the European-based riders, who already occupy

seven of the top 10 positions in the men's race.

The revelation of the past week has been Pierce, who is regarded as one of the best American performers at high altitude. His solo attack on Monday's Vail to Copper Mountain stage allowed him to finish with Hinault and Anderson in the front group, 1min 44sec ahead of the top two American cyclists, Greg LeMond and Andrew Hampsten, who both missed the key move 24 miles from the finish.

Other victims of the eleventh stage, which crossed the 11,316-ft high Fremont Pass, were Moreno Argentin, of Italy, and Bruno Cornillet, of France, who finished four minutes behind the day's winner, Maarten Ducrot, of The Netherlands.

Ducrot attacked on the descent of the Fremont Pass, 11 miles from the finish to arrive 13 seconds ahead of the Hinault-Anderson-Pierce group.

Many of the Europeans, like Ducrot, lost time during the early stages of the race as Classic and have now fully acclimatized. But Argentin, who last year won the bronze medal in the world championship road race in Italy, said after his defeat on Monday: "I found it hard racing in the thin air and I was unable to follow LeMond. I will now concentrate on preparing for the world championships." The professional road race in the world championships takes place on September 7 at Colorado Springs, at 7,000 feet above sea level.

In the women's section, Longo and Thompson are both in contention for victory, and they will also be the main contenders for the road race at the world championships. Other challengers are coming into form, including Madonna Harris, a Utah-based New Zealander who won Monday's stage.

LATEST POSITIONS: Men: 1, B Hinault (Fr), 28hr 26min 55sec; 2, J Pierce (US), 1min 16sec; 3, P Anderson (Aus), at 2:37; 4, G LeMond (US) at 2:47; 5, A Hampsten (US) at 3:42; 6, B Shapiro (US) at 4:42sec; 7, J Kram (Mor) at 4:48; 8, M Argentin (It) at 5:22; 9, B Cornillet (Fr) at 5:31; 10, V Piva (It) at 6:26. Women: 1, J Longo (Fr), 3hr 58min 46sec; 2, Thompson (US) at 1min 55sec; 3, M Carris (It) at 2:48; 4, S Ehlers (US) at 3:07; 5, M Harris (NZ) at 4:15; 6, J Magrath (US) at 5:12; 7, M Bernard (Swi) at 5:27; 8, L Schenk (US) at 7:28; 9, C Greenwood (GB) at 8:20; 10, U Erzenhauer (WG) at 8:41.

Clark triumph over Hoste and his wrist

Although nursing an injured wrist, Danny Clark (Ever-Ready) maintained Australia's hold on the Glasgow end of the Kellogg's city criterium series by snatching victory right on the line on Monday.

He just squeezed out Frank Hoste of Belgium with whom, three laps earlier, he had bridged a 10-second gap established by John Herety (Percy Bilton-Condor Cycles) and Chris Whorton (Allison Bread). Steve Joughin, the Moducel sprinter, crossed the gap too but pulled his foot out of a pedal while preparing for the final dash to the line.

Herety, aghast at the sudden arrival of the speedy Clark and Hoste, had to be content with third place but it gave him the overall yellow jersey with 22pts ahead of Joey McLoughlin (ANC) and Clark both with 20pts.

Clark's brilliant timing was a triumph for a man sidelined for a week after crashing in a motor-paced race in Zurich. It was the fourth successive year an Australian had won at Glasgow.



Putting their backs into it: Mitchell (US, foreground) and Shibaeva (USSR) in their women's 100 metres backstroke heat.

ROWING

Bird and Johnston lift day of gloom for British crews

By Jim Raiton

Britain's first two crews in the repechages, the men's lightweight eight and the women's coxed four, were eliminated from the competition at the world rowing championships in Nottingham yesterday. But the gloom lifted for the British when Pauline Bird and Fiona Johnston finished second in their repechage, behind the dominant East Germans, to qualify for Saturday's final.

The championships are now at a crucial stage, when competitors progress to semi-final rounds or directly to finals. Failure to do so simply means the end of the road, for another year at least.

Britain's state of affairs before yesterday's events was already a healthy one. Four crews had made the weekend's finals — the women's eight, the lightweight women's double sculler and coxless four together with Steve Redgrave and Andrew Holmes in the men's coxed pairs. Yesterday Bird and Johnston made it five so far, and today should provide more.

The first major casualty yesterday was Ruggiero Verroca, Italy's world champion in the lightweight single sculls. He finished fourth in

his race with only three to qualify. It came as no great surprise, however, as he has been in and out of hospital here, receiving treatment for an abscess, and was as weak as a kitten.

Britain's taste of gloom came with the elimination of the men's lightweight eight. They did not have the best lane, but were last all the way and a length or more short of a final place.

The women's heavyweight coxed four in the next race were outclassed and last in their repechage.

In today's repechages the action once again will be fierce with sudden death threatening all. Four British crews have their heads on the block and the axe is neatly poised in each case.

The heats of the men's heavyweight eights on Monday provided some spectacular racing worthy of a final in a normal year and they were charged with atmosphere and surprises. In the heats, Italy surprised by taking first place with Britain fourth, almost three lengths behind.

Today, the men's eights repechages will be hotly contested. With two crews able to qualify for Sunday's final, Britain are drawn against

France, the United States, Australia, and Czechoslovakia. It just might be a flat-out race, but the chances are they will have to read every game plan and ploy down the course. The other repechage contains New Zealand, Canada, The Netherlands, East and West Germany. Neither race has the suggestion of an easy touch.

Beryl Crockford also has a tough day ahead. She must finish in the first two to qualify in the lightweight single sculls, but is up against Adair Ferguson, Australia's world and Commonwealth Games champion, and Rita de Fauwe, of Belgium, who beat her in Lucerne.

Britain's youngsters in the coxed fours and quadruple sculls are certainly up against it, but the experience here will prove a good investment.

Because of the possibility of adverse weather conditions today and with an eye on the wind direction, racing will start at 7.30am. There were complaints from coaches that the wind yesterday affected the inside lanes and among those who complained were the British lightweight men's eight.

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BOWLS

Clevedon masters ditched

By Gordon Allan

Ted Hanger and Ron Nicholls, of Chandos Park, Buckingham, beat David Bryant and David Rhys Jones 20-19 in the third round of the Gateway English Bowling Association pairs championship at Worthing yesterday. This is a title Bryant and Rhys Jones have won three times since they first played together 21 years ago.

It sounds a close match and it was close. Yet after 10 ends there was nothing close about it as far as those unreliable things, the statistics, went. Hanger and Nicholls led 16-1 and were bowling well enough to be worth every shot of that lead. The Clevedon masters, no matter what they did, seemed unable to stop them.

The situation had not significantly changed by the 16-end mark. Hanger and Nicholls led 20-6 and time was now on their side. But on the seventeenth end Bryant and Rhys Jones scored five, when Bryant removed Hanger's sec-

ond bowl. Two shots to Clevedon on the eighteenth would have been five if Hanger had not drawn a saving third bowl — and in retrospect that three-shot difference could be seen as crucial.

Four shots on the nineteenth and twentieth left Bryant and Rhys Jones needing four to win on the last end. Bryant put the jack in the ditch, giving them the chance of three shots and a possible extra end, but a measure ruled out the third. A fitting finish to a fine match.

The other Somerset pair, Brian Archer and Eric Price, of Taunton Deane, lost 17-16 on an extra end to Neil Stephens and Steven Rowse, of Stenalees. The Cornishmen drew level 16-16 on the 21st, after hanging on to the opposition's coat-tails for the whole match.

John Gale, who interrupted a holiday in Miami to play at

Worthing, can now return to the beach. He and his brother Jeff, both from Vauxhall Park, lost 25-16 to John Morley and Arthur Wright, of the Albert Club in North London.

Cliff Simpson and Dave Kilner, of Owton Lodge, Durham, maintained their impressive form with a 20-10 win over the Nottinghamshire pair Alan Euerby and Brian Clark, of Bestwood Miners Welfare. Gary Denison and Phil Hackett, of Newton Abbott, secured their place in the quarter-finals when they beat Clive Tancock and Mike Jeffery, of Atherley, Southampton, 23-15.

Brian Taylor and Gary Blake, of County Arts, Norwich, were consistency personified in their 20-6 victory over Ian Maddox and Marcus Smith, of Ledbury, Herefordshire. Their total comprised three threes and 11 singles.

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Scotland dismay at Kiwis' leniency

By Paul Martin

Scotland are now reserving their position on whether to take part in next year's World Rugby Cup, in response to the reinstatement in the New Zealand team of 10 "rebel" players who toured South Africa this year. This follows expressions of equal dismay from Ireland, where Harry McKibbin, the representative on the International Rugby Board, predicted in Belfast that a decision on whether to withdraw from the event would now be a "close run thing".

Both countries are unenthusiastic anyway over the concept of a World Cup, but have gone along with the decision. "We are reserving our position as any union is entitled to do," said Bill Connon, vice-president of the Scottish Rugby Football Union. "We agreed to take part, but we are at liberty to change our minds when something untoward happens."

Mr Connon said that Scotland will press for an explanation at the IRB's special session in London this October where the "rebel" tour issue will be "thrashed out." Mr McKibbin said the New Zealanders, to forestall pressure on World Cup participation, would "have to come up with a jolly good reason" for their actions since the South Africa tour blew up.

He described the selection of 50 so many "rebels" as "amazing" and believed opinion would now "harden." He said that he had begun to wonder what control the New Zealand board had over their players "and what games they are playing at."

The New Zealand selectors were criticised for taking a "myopic view" of the matter, said Australia's coach, John Kennell-Carpenter, of England, chairman of the World Cup Company. He stressed the need, though, for participating nations to hold back on decisions while New Zealand made further investigations into the players' amateur status.

The view is growing in Britain that the New Zealanders' apparent leniency towards those players who defied them can in part be explained by the lack of action against British players who were allegedly paid substantial sums to join a brand of footwar. "We are a bit exposed," Mr Kennell-Carpenter pointed out because the British rugby authorities could not act on the boots affair.

Nevertheless, South Africa, not New Zealand, remains the principal villain to world rugby administrators. The IRB meeting in October will almost certainly now approve measures to expel or suspend a member nation. South Africa could not, however, be disciplined at this meeting. As matters now stand that could only be dealt with at the next annual general meeting in March 1987, unless yet another special session is summoned — and that Mr Connon considers most unlikely.

Australian forwards criticized

Timara, New Zealand (Reuters) — The Australians scored six tries to two to beat South Canterbury 33-11 yesterday, but were far from impressive against the lowly-ranked provincial side.

The match was marred by handling errors, offside and missed scoring opportunities and the Australians' tries came from pressure rather than imagination. Their forward technique was faulty — badly-tapped lineout ball, poor rucking and frequent scrum infringements — causing Greg Hand, the South Canterbury captain, who scored one of their tries, to rate the visitors' forward effort as inferior to that of Otago and Canterbury, their provincial neighbours. "And they are nowhere near as hard," Hand said.

Alan Jones, the Australian coach, conceded some failings in his second-string team's performance, but applauded their discipline in difficult conditions. "It was a very tidy game," he admitted.

Australia's next match, the 10th of their tour, is against New Zealand in the second international at Carisbrook, Dunedin, on Saturday. Australia won the first match 13-12.

TEAMS: Australia: A Leads; I Williams, M Burns, C Morris, R Cook, S James, G Gough, G Duggan, E Calcutt, R Reynolds (capt), R McCull, J Gardner, G Burrow, M McGinn, M Murray, South Canterbury: G Gough, G Duggan, E Calcutt, R Reynolds, E Marshall, S Todd, P Ryan, B Fairbrother, P Morley, J Simpson, M Simons, G Stanley, T Shaw, P Prout, R Patterson, G Hand (capt), R Morgan.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Hagler yes to Leonard

Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight boxing champion, has agreed to meet Sugar Ray Leonard, but not until March of next year. Leonard, the 30-year-old former welterweight and junior middleweight world champion, has been pushing Hagler to agree to the big-money fight for the past three and a half months.

Although Leonard retired in 1982 because of a detached retina, a bout between the two is certain to arouse a great deal of interest and could have a total purse of as much as \$15 million (around £10 million). Leonard, the former Olympic champion, made a brief return to the ring in May of 1984 with a lacklustre victory over American Kevin Howard and immediately retired again.

Little's job

Brian Little, the former Aston Villa and England footballer, has taken over as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers after the dismissal of Sammy Chapman.

Aiming high

Severiano Ballesteros, Greg Norman and Bernhard Langer, the world's top three golfers, will all play in the £210,000 Panasonic European Open at Sunningdale from September 11-14. The three will be playing for a £35,000 top prize.

Tough test

Twelve regional finalists will be able to test their skills against four of the country's best bowlers — Ron Keating, David Cutler, Jerry Bates and Daniel Dennison — when the last stages of the Croxley Script/EBA Champion of Champions bowls tournament are contested at Hemel Hempstead between August 30-31. The 12 have qualified from among 1600 club and county champions.

Jack's back

Sir Jack Brabham, three times the former grand prix world motor racing champion, heads the list of celebrities for the Birmingham Renault podium event on bank holiday Monday — first-ever saloon car race at the new city centre track.

Becker tops

Boris Becker will be the top seed at next month's West German Open following the withdrawal of Mats Wilander, of Sweden, the world No. 2. It will be his first grand prix tournament on home soil since winning his first Wimbledon title last year. Ranked third in the world, Becker, who is based in Monte Carlo, has often said he feels under intense pressure in West Germany. Wilander, for his part, is planning a two-month break from the game after the US Open which starts next week.

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